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the holiday gift guide!

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Breaking bread for Turkey Tuesday



The annual Turkey Tuesday feast was scheduled to take place Tuesday night at the Locke's Mills Legion Hall. On Monday 10 volunteers gathered at Kate and Ron Carroll's house in Bethel to prepare some of the food, all of which is donated. They prepped 100 pounds of potatoes and about 20 pounds each of onions and celery. Here, from left, Jill Kenney, Kathi Burke, Peter Kenney, Loralne Duclos, Kate Carroll, and Lauri Herron break apart bread and rolls to be used in the stuffing. Also helping were Jim Blair, Charlie Lowe, Angie Carroll, and Ron Carroll. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

Garden center proposed for Locke's Mills

By ALISON ALOISIO

A Bethel couple has applied to the Greenwood Planning Board to re-open the former Round Pond Corner Store as a retail garden center, the "Local Hub."

Nick and Janet Bartlett are proposing to lease the building from owner Chris Marshall, according to the application be-

fore the board.

The garden center would focus on local foods, and carry organic and heirloom seed stock, as well as organic soils and fertilizers. "We will strive to fill the cooler with local produce and local food, specialty beer and maybe local wine," the Bartletts wrote in the application.

In the future, listed as a

"Phase 2," the Bartletts describe plans for "re-certifying the kitchen and offering to-go items. This will include a licensed mobile vendor selling fresh baked wood fired oven pizzas."

Hours are proposed initially as 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesdays through Sundays, but could be subject to change, especially if the

kitchen is operated.

At its Nov. 5 meeting, the Planning Board found the Bartletts' application complete, pending the receipt of paperwork from the Fire Department and Marshall, according to Town Manager Kim Sparks.

The application is expected to be considered at the Dec. 3 board meeting.

"Found Treasures" features the old but usable

By ALISON ALOISIO

"I always wanted a shop," said Linda Couture, who recently opened "Found Treasures" in Philbrook Place in Bethel. "I've been collecting things for years."

Couture offers a wide variety of goods, old and new. The "old" includes an-

tiques and collectibles - but Couture's focus is, she said, on "things that people can actually use."

There are, for example, kitchen tools from the 1940s and '50s.

"Cookie cutters are a favorite," she said.

Others include a chopper shaped to be used inside

a bowl, beater spoons, crank egg beaters and vegetable peelers in hard-to-find handle colors.

"Red and green are the most common," she said. "Pink and blue are harder to find."

She also offers 50- and 60-year old napkins and linens - many of which

have never been used.

Couture finds the items in antique shops, flea markets and occasionally online.

"I usually like to see them in person," she said.

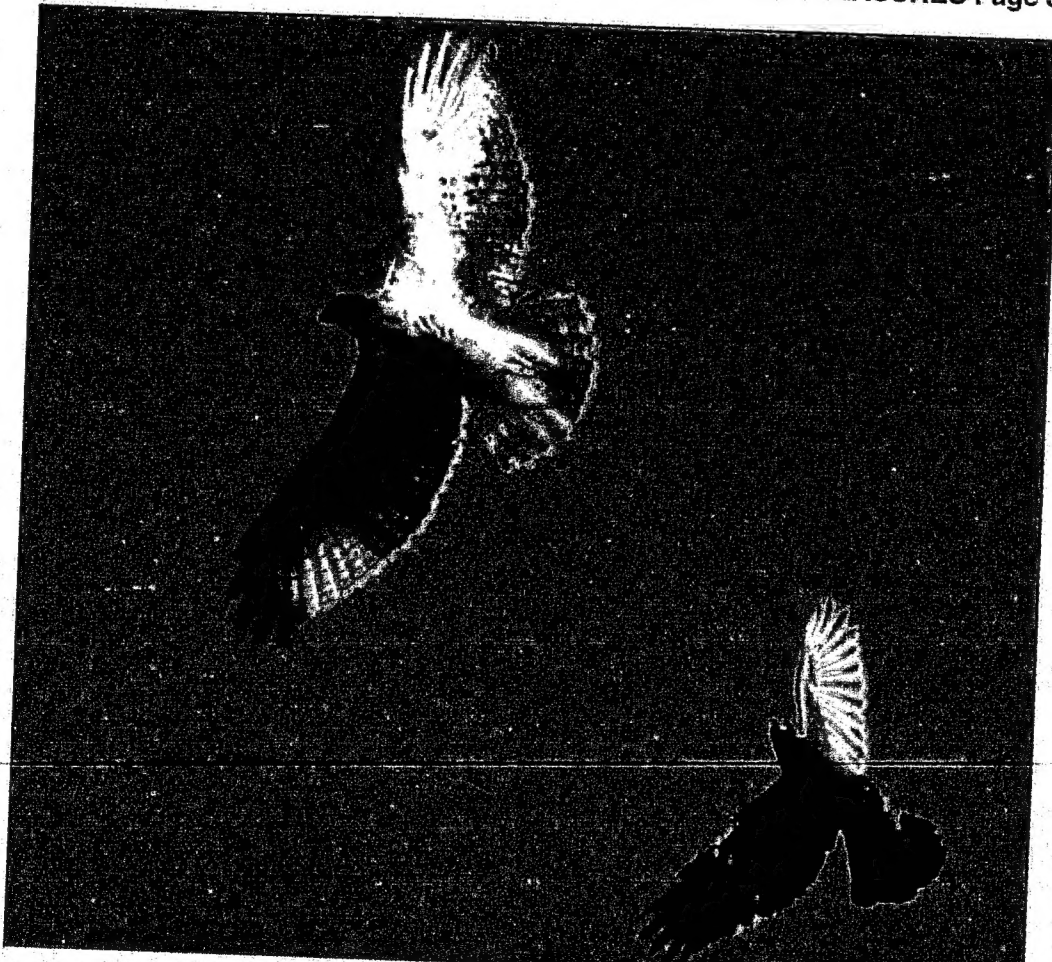
In some cases, people give her things.

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THIS ROUND WENT TO THE CROWS

Two crows who apparently consider upper Main Street in Bethel their territory took exception recently when a young red-tailed hawk began circling in the area. The crows repeatedly dove - and cawed - at the hawk for several minutes, but the silent young bird continued to circle. The persistence of the two smaller birds eventually paid off, and the hawk went on its way. Here, one of the crows approaches from behind.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)



With passage of same-sex marriage, hope for more local wedding business

By ALISON ALOISIO

It didn't take long after Maine voters approved same-sex marriage Nov. 6 for the economic effect to be felt in the Bethel area.

"I am already working with a couple of guys that have been partners for 40 years and are planning a wedding next summer at their camp on the lake in Waterford," said Steve Etheridge, owner of Rooster's Roadhouse in Bethel.

"They are looking for locations for a small wedding reception, and have asked Rooster's to put a proposal together for them. There is no question in my mind that this opens an entirely new market for the restaurant and hospitality-related businesses, and we wel-

come the opportunities."

With Maine one of less than a dozen states with laws allowing same-sex marriage, other area businesses that provide wedding-related services are also hopeful for a boost.

Wedding officiant Ellie Andrews is putting out her message: "I'm sending letters to area town clerks that I am excited about doing same-sex weddings," she said. "Once some couples get married, I think others will realize it's OK and we are here to support them."

The Bethel Inn and Sunday River Ski Resort, which both host weddings and receptions, also plan a push.

"We're definitely anticipating more business," she said. See MARRIAGE, Page 3

SAD 44 directors OK new Telstar energy loan proposal for \$600,000+

By ALISON ALOISIO

The SAD 44 School Board last week approved the submission of a loan proposal to possibly fund an estimated \$600,000-\$900,000 alternative/renewable energy project for the Telstar complex.

The proposal for a Qualified School Construction Bond does not commit the district to take the loan, but would determine if the district is eligible for it, according to Supt. Dave Murphy.

The project would be separate from the \$2.5 million energy/ventilation upgrade work approved by SAD 44 voters Nov. 6, but would be closely associated with it,

he said. The possibility of applying for an additional loan for a wood boiler was discussed by the board before the Nov. 6 vote.

An alternative system like a wood boiler would mean "immediate, significant savings," Murphy told the board last week.

The Bethel Town Office recently installed a wood pellet boiler, which is estimated to cut its energy costs in half.

Directors had considered earlier this fall bypassing the near-0 percent \$1.3 million loan for the \$2.5 million project in order to apply for a larger package that would in-

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Snowsports program for children with autism comes to Mt. Abram

A Maine snowsports program designed to benefit children with autism and their families will offer services at Mt. Abram this winter, according to a press release from Spurwink, a nonprofit organization that provides mental health, education, and residential services for children, adolescents, adults, and families.

With autism diagnoses increasing across the country, many parents are struggling to find recreational activities that meet the needs of the whole family, the release said. In northern New England, those caring for loved ones with autism are discovering that snowsports, such as skiing and snowboarding, can be beneficial to children with autism, as well as their siblings and parents.

Individuals with autism often experience difficulty with movement and can benefit from exercise. Skiing and snowboarding stimulate the body's motor system, providing much-needed sensory input that

can help with balance and motion impairments, joint problems—even difficulty starting and stopping actions. A family member with autism can also enjoy a day on the slopes along with everyone else.

Last year in collaboration with Sugarloaf, Spruce Point on the Slopes, a Spurwink program, launched an effort to support individuals with autism who were enrolled in ski school lessons.

Spruce Point provides specialized services to individuals with autism.

This winter Spruce Point is expanding and teaming up with Mt. Abram to pro-

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Letters

DOG PARK QUESTIONS

To the Editor:

Articles have been written on the proposed Bethel Dog Park, but we haven't seen anything on issues our selectmen may want to consider before giving their final okay for this project. Why is this?

We've heard this is not a town project, yet the surveyor's paperwork (done by Gary Inman) says "Proposed Bethel Dog Park, Town of Bethel Project." What this tells us is that it sounds like this is a project for the Town of Bethel. Have the Selectmen considered the following?

1. Is the Town of Bethel going to maintain this proposed dog park?
2. Who is going to take care of all the fecal waste? Summer and winter? What are the plans for disposal?
3. Who is going to snow blow a path in the winter to get to the park? Or is this just a three season park?
4. Are we, the taxpayers, involved in this endeavor? The proposed park is on property owned by the town. Does this make us liable? Bear with me here...
5. Who is going to be the responsible party for dog fights? Will the town be responsible for the veterinary bills resulting from the dog fights, dog bites, or the doctors' bills that may be incurred when a dog may bite an adult or child?

The proposed Dog Park is infringing on a state funded snowmobile trail, maintained by local groomers. The proposed dog park pushes the trail off to one side into a swampy, muddy terrain. With a dog fence up, what consideration has been given for the trail groomers to be able to adequately groom the trails due to groomer width? Has anyone talked to the state groomers on this? This very important trail head leads to Newry, Andover, Rumford, Upton, Rangeley, etc. It allows snowmobilers to leave Bethel and go all the way to northern New Hampshire and even into Canada if they wish. This is a high-volume trail and it is going to be very noisy for the animals when snowmobilers go by. We would think dog owners might fear what the dogs will do when these machines go by. We can see it happening. "You have to move your trail because it is scaring our dogs."

Snowmobiling is the number one tourist attraction in Maine, ahead of skiing. Many businesses such as Mallard Mart, Pat's Pizza, C.N. Brown, Irving, Dunkin Donuts, Glidden's Foodliner, area inns and restaurants benefit from this winter business. Do you want to lose this business the town enjoys in the winter because this trail may be in jeopardy?

Bethel is known for its walking/biking/hiking trails. We have many, many back roads and dirt roads that people can walk their dogs on. Why do we need a dog park in this area? We are not against dog parks in the cities where there is a need, but with the many avenues we have in and around the town for people to walk their dogs, is a dog park really necessary? We are not against dog parks at all – just not in this proposed area and have questions as to where the burden lies. Has anyone checked into Ethel Bisbee property? Or talked to Mahoosuc Land Trust about possibilities there?

This is not a good fit for town property and it is not a good fit for snowmobilers and the trail this proposed park will be located by. And, has anyone discussed this with the abutters who reside in and around this property?

David Crockett, President, Bethel Snow Twisters
Robert Lowell, Trail Groomer

TURKEY BASKET THANKS

To the Editor:

The Bethel Food Pantry and all those families who use it wish to thank The Bethel Foodliner, Northeast Bank, Gould Academy Reachout program, and all those who volunteered for making the Turkey Basket give away possible. 50 families were helped.

Dave Bean
Food Pantry Director

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community.

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REMEMBERING ANNIE HASTINGS

To the Editor:

Bethel has lost one of its most familiar figures this week with the passing of Annie MacKinnon Hastings, a longtime resident, who died on Nov. 16, 2012. She was born in Mexico, Maine, in 1920, the daughter of Colin and Lillian Decker MacKinnon, attended local schools and graduated from Mexico High School in 1938.

After graduation, she worked as a paper sorter at the Oxford Paper Company in Rumford before enrolling at the Rumford Community Hospital School of Nursing, from which she graduated in 1944. Prior to her marriage to attorney Henry H. Hastings in 1948, she worked as a nurse at the Rumford Community Hospital. She and her husband adopted two children, Cindy and Steve. After her husband died in 1968, she returned to nursing, retiring in 1986. Annie is survived by her two children and two grandchildren.

Very active in the community, she served in the Rumford Hospital Auxiliary, as a Sunday School teacher at the West Parish Congregational Church, a Scout leader, a member of the Bethel Health Council, and Worthy Matron of Purity Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star.

A life member of the Bethel Historical Society since 1977, Annie was long a contributor of food for society events, a "stalwart" of the society's "Mailing Group," a "fixture" at the annual St. Never's Day Sale for years, and a consistently generous financial supporter of the organization.

All who knew her will certainly miss her kindness, humor and keen memories of the past!

Stan Howe
Bethel

COME TO THE ROTARY BREAKFAST

To the Editor:

On Sunday, Dec. 2, the Bethel Rotary Club will be putting on an All-You-Can-Eat country buffet breakfast at Ordway dining hall, Gould Academy. Proceeds from this event stay local and are used for student scholarships and other community projects.

The Bethel Rotary Club has contributed to Christmas for Families, split wood for seniors, built handicap ramps and many other projects that benefit local families in need. Please help us continue these projects and come enjoy a great breakfast. Tickets can be purchased in advance from Rotarians for \$7 or bought at the door for \$8.

Lynn Wilson
Bethel Rotary Club

MORE ON ADDISON BEAN

To the Editor:

The "Our Back Pages" column in the Oct. 18 Bethel Citizen included the item – "100 years ago: Death Addison S. Bean." As this is the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War along with the recent Veterans' Day, it is appropriate to provide some background on Addison S. Bean.

He was born in Newry. His father was a widower with six small sons, so at the age of four Addison went to live with the family of Ashley Paine in Mason. In the summer of 1861 the 65th New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment (1st U.S. Chasseurs) was recruiting in New England and Addison enlisted. In August the Regiment left New York for the defense of Washington, D.C. While there, Addison and his regiment participated in reviews by President Lincoln. After leaving Washington the 65th New York Regiment was at almost every major battle fought by the Army of the Potomac. Addison was with the Regiment through the Peninsular Campaign, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, and General Grant's Overland Campaign. He also had guard duty at the prisoner of war camp on Johnson's Island near Sandusky, Ohio.

Addison was mustered out of the 65th New York Regiment in September 1864 and he re-enlisted in the U.S. Veteran Volunteers where he served until February 1866. He then returned to Mason, bought a farm, and got married. His letters home to his adopted family are in the Bean Letters Collection at the Bethel Historical Society.

Barry York
Burnt Hills, NY

OUTING CLUB THANKS

To the Editor:

Thanks so much to Gould Academy for use of its facility and to the huge group of volunteers that made the 32nd Annual Bethel Outing Club Ski Sale a success.

This event is the club's big fundraiser; the funds support Nordic skiing programs in the area schools and programs which foster outdoor activity in the community. The sale helps folks find and sell affordable winter sports equipment.

It couldn't have happened without these people: Doug Alford, Nancy Babcock, Carla Boyle-Wight, David Walker, Chris Barstow, Bethel Kitchen Design for the generous use of its truck, Ian & Laura Blair, Jeremy Blazar, the Bohrs for storing our equipment all these years, Carlie Casey, Brad Clarke, Mike Cooper, Tom DeLuca, Landon Fake, Linda Gallagher, Jonathan & Kate Goldberg, Robin Gorrell; Gould Academy groups: injured athletes, Nordic, Mountain Biking, Outing Club, and Yearbook Committee; Norm, Greenberg & Tracyn Thayer, Brooke Hallett, Chris Hayward, Lauren Head, Jeff Hershberger, Lorrie & Mike Hoeh, Shanta Hoff, Gary Inman, Wade & Beth Kavanaugh, Pat Kellner, Heather Kellogg, Nick Kline, Mahoosuc Mountain Rescue Team, Mahoosuc Realty for generous use of its truck, Ann Marie Mahar, Merritt Maxim, Karen McElroy, Judy O'Neil, Jeff and Pattie Parsons, Callie Pecunies, Bruce & Suzanne Pierce, Jim & Julia Reuter, Joyce Roma, Leslie Rowse, Julie Schubert, Peter Schwarz, Kristen Seib, Peter Shattenberg, Brett Shifrin, Kirk & Martha Siegel, Peter & Sarah Southam, Ann Speth, Telstar High School Alpine and Nordic Ski Teams, Telstar Middle School Nordic Ski Team, Sarah Weaver, Beth Weisberger, Karen Wilson and Doug Zinchuk. Thank you to anyone I may have missed – there were so many volunteers who jumped in and helped and it is much appreciated.

Thanks to all in the community who shopped; see you next year – always the last Friday and Saturday of October!

Vicky Fimiani
Bethel Outing Club

(Note: Last year's thank-you letter was inadvertently submitted to the Citizen, and was printed Nov. 1.)

Celladore

'How do you like the climate?'

The first night it is necessary to make a furnace fire is officially the beginning of autumn. Often warm nights follow and days when you can run about scantily clad but the temper of living has changed. No more is life a love affair with the outdoor world. Activities are half outside, half inside, but the essential of shelter is now always hovering over your shoulder. Then comes a night in early November when several inches of snow fall. We always say that of course this will melt and by noon it has; too early for snow to stay on the ground. (Though once, in nineteen sixty-eight, a nor'easter came on the eighth of November. Within nine days four more storms followed and we were buried for the rest of the year.)

Sometimes we have warning that a definite cold is coming. The gray mare comes to the gate in late afternoon and calls imperiously to be taken in. We carry her usual hay to the field. She eats it, and calls again for us to come. Even though no signs of snow or cold are in evidence, we take her in, put extra wood in the furnace at bedtime, and next morning the snow is here.

One year we did not need any warning. The sun did not come out all day, the mercury fell. Before B.B. came home I decided to put the hay and grain for the beasts in their boxes instead of in the field outside. They were waiting impatiently at the gate. As soon as they heard the truck rattling up the road, they started calling. We took them up, and always stood for a few minutes in the barn listening to their contented munching. We are never completely ready for winter. "The paper isn't around the underpinning yet," says B.B., "and I haven't put away the porch furniture, but the furnace wood is all in the cellar." "And I haven't put the mounds of dirt around the rose bushes yet," say I.

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CORRECTION

SAVAGE CHARGE OUTDATED A Sun Media story that appeared in last week's Citizen about charges filed against Rick Savage contained an outdated criminal charge. According to Oxford County court clerks, a charge of terrorizing stemming from an incident outside the Bethel Town Office last May was a "no complaint," meaning the district attorney decided not to pursue that charge. The information was incorrectly provided to Sun Media.

Our Back Pages

Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: The end of season Art Exhibit for Explorations was held at the Summit Hotel.

The "Taste of Eden" restaurant opened in the Mountain View Mall.

Births: Halleigh Joyce Sawyer, Willow Autumn Hoyt, Chasie Elisa Fernandez.

Deaths: K. William Nupula, Nicholas C. Kersey.

20 years ago: Water damage to wiring and equipment resulting from an early morning fire closed down the P.H. Chadbourne sawmill.

Scores of hungry seniors turned out for the annual Senior Citizens' Thanksgiving Dinner sponsored by the Telstar National Honor Society.

Birth: Allison Marie Brette.

Deaths: Arthur J. Cummings, Ira A. Gammon, Sr.

30 years ago: Approximately 50 fifth-grade students from Crescent Park School visited the hillside farm of Albert Skillings and got a firsthand look at farm life.

A good crowd turned out for the oyster stew supper for the Greenwood fire department, auxiliary and families.

Death: Archie O. Buck.

40 years ago: The Lovejoy home in West Bethel Village received extensive damage when it was struck by a tractor-trailer rig that left the highway.

A group of firemen and volunteer workers prepared the ground and framework for a skating rink behind the Locke Mills town hall.

Birth: Rebecca Dee Hanscom.

Deaths: Fred W. Wight, William A. Lilmatta, Matilda E. Irvine, William MacKenzie.

50 years ago: Arthur Gauthier reported 92 deer tagged at the Newry inspection station as of noon Nov. 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hayes of Bryant Pond celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Death: Mrs. Sybil Tyler.

60 years ago: Guy L. Alyward of Canton, Mass., shot an albino deer on Bessey Mountain.

Mrs. Mildred McLain and children returned to their home in Gilead after spending a few days visiting Mrs. Mabel Heath and daughter, Emeline.

Deaths: Dorothy Edwards St. Clair, Mrs. Clara Etta Rayford, Mrs. Elnora Wight, James W. Gibbs, Priscilla Wing.

70 years ago: Search was underway for Sgt. Frederick Trebilcock and Mrs. Trebilcock who were believed drowned in Lake Umbagog. Ice was hindering operations.

Ice was two inches thick on the Greenwood ponds. **Death:** Mrs. John K. Hewey.

80 years ago: Boards for the skating rink were set up on the upper side of the common. The size of the rink was reduced considerably from previous years.

The Bethel Inn served Thanksgiving dinners – \$1.50 per plate.

Deaths: Mrs. Lena F. Greenleaf, Otis W. Brooks.

90 years ago: Maple Inn closed for the winter.

A food sale held by the Parent Teacher Association netted \$76.

Death: Owen A. Dustin.

100 years ago: The corporation known as "The Bethel Inn" was formed. Its purpose was to serve the general public with accommodations of first class, to make the hostelry a credit and source of attraction to the town. Its officers were: J. G. Gehring, president; Horace S. Sears, vice president; and Ellery C. Park, secretary and treasurer.

Deaths: Paul John Whitehead, Herbert Wheeler.

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Treasures

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"If someone doesn't know what to do with something, people say, 'Give it to Linda, she'll use it.'"

Often, she said, "I turn it into something else."

An example of a refurbished item is a small table lamp. It came decorated with a bow made of heavy wire and a large plastic flower.

Linda took off the bow and flower and covered the shade with fabric.

She then found a rusty decorative heart, which she sanded down. She mixed some paint to match that on the lamp and painted the heart.

Couture also draws on modern-day local craft-people to stock her shop.

Unusually-shaped cedar boxes, made in Newry,

make good storage containers for photos or items that will be protected from insects by the cedar scent, she said.

Also made in Rumford are signs crafted from boards made to look old or weathered.

Couture also offers hand-made, all-natural soaps from Andover, maple syrup from Sumner and jams and jellies from Upton.

In the future she plans to hold crafting workshops in a room adjacent to the store. Early offerings will likely include scrapbooking and cardmaking.

Found Treasures is open Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (She is closed over Thanksgiving but will re-open Friday.)



Linda Couture in her shop.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

Marriage

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ipating more inquiries and weddings," said Brad Jerome of the Bethel Inn. The inn and the Bethel area has grown into a premier wedding destination, offering a variety of unique ceremony and reception locations. We'll be looking to attract couples through regional advertising and events, while providing personalized service and wedding packages not easily found at other resorts.

At Sunday River, "We absolutely look forward to attracting more business, both destination and wedding-related, as a result of the same-sex marriage law passing," said Spokesman Darcy Morse. "We currently host an annual GLTBQ-friendly weekend in February (White Out Weekend) and know that the potential to grow this market is there."

Wedding photographer Carol Savage of Greenwood also hopes to benefit. "I'm looking forward and hoping it will generate more weddings," she said. "I just had a gay wedding a couple of weeks ago in New Hampshire."

From photographer Andree Kehn: "I am thrilled to be able to appeal to an entire new target market. gay and lesbian couples will bring a boost to local economies, especially destination locations, like Bethel."

A couple's perspective
The Citizen was contacted through e-mail last

week by Jesse Keith of Marshwood, Mass. He offered the following perspective on wedding resources in the Bethel area:

My husband Peter and I were recently married on Oct. 6 in a legal ceremony just after midnight in Boston, and then we drove to Maine for a formal ceremony with our friends and family on the Artists Covered Bridge.

When planning our wedding, we knew from the start that we wanted to have our wedding in Maine with a reception at my in-laws vacation home in Bethel.

In our planning process we had some ups and downs finding the right vendors for our wedding when vendors learned we were a gay couple, but in the end we assembled a group of the most supportive, hard working and gay marriage-friendly vendors to execute the details of our wedding perfectly."

Keith said they utilized services from four local businesses, including Kehn and florist Pooh Corner Farm.

He concluded, "I was so pleased to see Maine pass gay marriage for all the couples in Maine that are looking to marry, and for any out of state gay couples like us to be able to have the freedom to choose to marry in a beautiful state that supports our rights."

Mt. Abram

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vide the same service.

Benjamin Kahrl, father of six-year-old Lily, remembers the look on his daughter's face when she skied for the first time. "She absolutely loved it," he said. "For our family, Spruce Point on the Slopes has meant being able to take a vacation together. In the past, we had to plan separate activities that were appropriate for each child. Now, we can do these things together."

As part of the program a Spruce Point specialist stays with the child throughout the entire lesson. The specialists provide snowsports coaches with insights on how individuals with autism communicate, what their sensory issues are, what mo-

tor planning difficulties they may have, and how they relate to others.

Spruce Point specialists have backgrounds in special education, speech and language therapy, social work, or direct care, and many come with years of experience aiding individuals with autism.

The Spruce Point program allows families to drop their children off at ski school and feel confident they will be understood, well cared for, and integrated within the group.

"Children with autism and their families are often so very involved in education, meetings, and special therapies that there is little time or energy left over for fun," said

Sue Murphy, coordinator of the program and director of adult services at Spurwink. "With winters being as long as they are in Maine, it only made sense to expand specialized services to the ski areas, and both Sugarloaf and now Mt. Abram have embraced the idea."

Specialists will be available at Mt. Abram on Sundays, beginning in January. The program charges an hourly fee, in addition to the lesson cost.

Spruce Point has applied for grant monies to help support the program. If awarded, scholarships may be available.

For more information, visit spurwink.org/sprucepoint/slopes.

Making the slopes family friendlier

To mark the new partnership between Spruce Point and Mt. Abram, the ski resort is offering a special package to two children and their families. The children will receive free lessons, lift tickets, and rentals and one-on-one sessions with a Spruce Point specialist on three Saturdays between Jan. 5 and the February school break.

Family members who would like to learn to ski may take advantage of a \$49 learn-to-ski package. To encourage further participation in the sport for the remainder of the season, \$20 lift tickets also will be offered to the child and family members.



PROJECT OPPORTUNITY
NOTICE: The annual meeting of Project Opportunity, Inc. will be held in conjunction with its regular Board of Directors meeting on November 27th, 2012 at 4pm at Telstar High School in the Principal's Conference Room.

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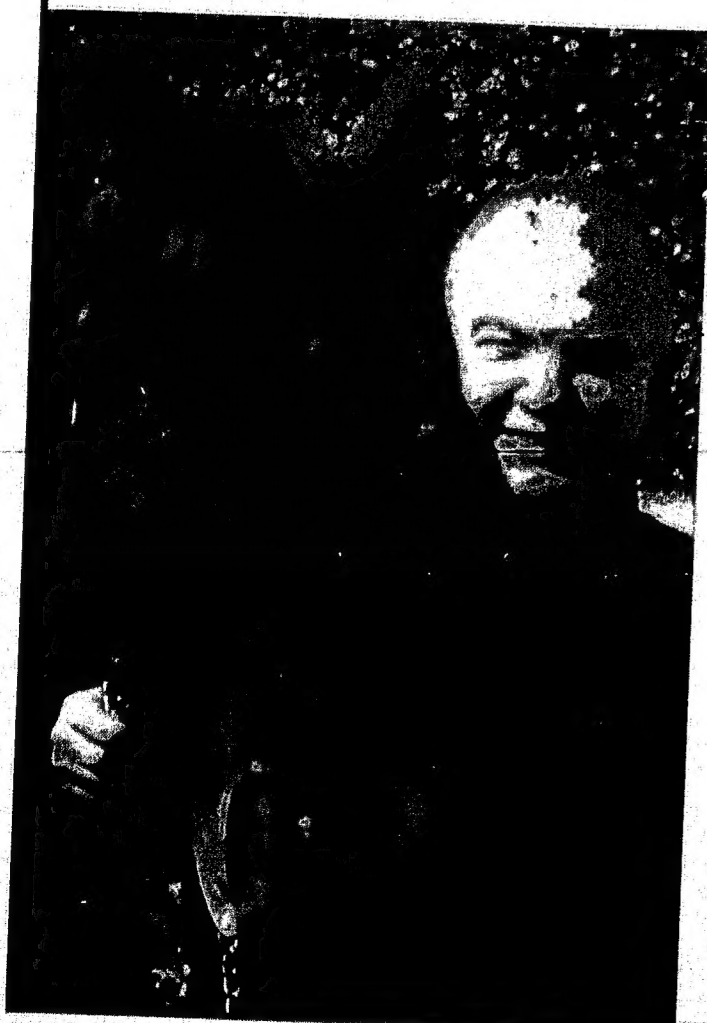
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SAD 44

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clude a boiler. But they decided in the end to go with a recommendation to the voters for the loan approval they had in hand.

The new loan proposal must be submitted in December, Murphy said, but "we're not asking for a commitment."

He said the proposal would likely be an amount greater than what would be needed to complete the project, to be sure enough funding would be available. But only the funds needed would be used.

Directors voted unanimously in favor of the plan.

Like the loan approved Nov. 6, the interest rate would be very close to 0 percent, Murphy said.

In other business at last week's meeting:

* The board approved First Readings of proposed new or amended policies for the district. Among the topics addressed were home schooling; distribution of non-school materials; supplemental instructional materials; report cards/student progress; private students' eligibility (for co- and extra-curricular activities and interscholastic sports); management of concussions and other head injuries; and employee use of cell phones and computers. The policy on distribution of non-school materials would prevent the distribution of material (other than by a principal) that is not directly related to activities happening in SAD 44, Murphy said.

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* Murphy told the board a new sound system, funded through a \$50,000 anonymous donation, is now in place in the Telstar auditorium. "It's a huge improvement," he said.

* Under personnel appointments, James Rose was approved as a half-time math teacher at Telstar High School; Ann Costa as AES basketball coach; Karen Wilson as WES Nordic ski coach; John Eliot as THS alpine ski coach; Sarah Southam as THS Nordic ski coach; Mark Thurlow as THS head boys basketball coach; Sean Caddigan as THS assistant boys basketball coach; Brian Mills as THS head girls basketball coach; and Scott Haines as THS assistant girls basketball coach. Murphy also informed the board of the resignations of Tracy Morin as TMS Grade 7 Math Teacher and school bus drivers Scott Bouchard and John White.

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told that if I did I wouldn't be hired.

"This year parents came to me and asked if they could get administration's approval for me to be a volunteer with the high school girls' basketball program, would I be interested? I said yes. They went to the principal, the principal went to the superintendent, the superintendent said I am not allowed to volunteer at Telstar."

Pelletier said as a Rec coach, he has built participation in elementary basketball in recent years, quadrupling the numbers.

The practices and games have taken place at Crescent Park or Telstar, and he has also coached recreational baseball with games and practices at Telstar or Gould Academy, he said.

He said that being denied the chance to help with Telstar basketball "feels like discrimination toward me as a volunteer ... My hope in sharing this with the board is that I will receive some clarification at a later date as to the inconsistencies in this matter."

When Pelletier finished, board Vice Chair Marcel Polak of Woodstock, who chaired the meeting, said he would allow general comments from the audience, but "we're not going to have a conversation in public."

Parent Loretta Holt spoke in support of Pelletier, saying he had coached her daughter on a travel team and that she trusted and admired him.

No other audience members spoke.

Polak asked Pelletier for a copy of his remarks, and the board moved on to other business. Murphy said he would not comment.

Pelletier, contacted later, said he did not wish to elaborate on the issue.

Briefly

Bethel selectmen OK Bingham plan

BETHEL—Bethel selectmen Monday approved the Bingham Forest Management Plan that was presented to them earlier this month. The approval is contingent on pending approval of a timber management plan. The board also discussed the need to determine whether a committee slated to oversee the forest in the future will include a voting member from the Bethel Water District, which formerly owned the 2,300-acre parcel. In other business, the board approved the National Incident Management System as the basis for incident management in Bethel, after hearing a presentation from Fire Chief Mike Jodrey; designated property inside the existing fence at the Bethel Airport as available for aviation use, to ensure there will be no problem with eligibility for federal funds for future improvements; renewed the West Bethel Children's Center lease for five years; received an update on future waste water treatment projects; and scheduled a special board meeting for Dec. 3 to award a bid to harvest timber on the town forest (located on Mt. Will).

Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



It's beginning to look like Christmas in Bethel. Wreaths are hung on the lamp posts and Christmas trees are up on the Common and in the field on Lower Main Street. Christmas lights are already on at Ruthie's and Maine Line Products on Main Street. Country Christmas in Bethel begins this weekend and goes through Christmas. Events kick off on Friday, Nov. 23, with the Local Craft and Wares Fair at the Bethel Inn Resorts Conference Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. A complete list of Country Christmas events is on the Chamber website at www.bethelmaine.com or here in the Citizen. Don't miss one of my favorite events: Every Saturday from now until Christmas there will be wagon rides around Bethel from 1 to 3 p.m. You can catch the wagon across from the Common next to the Chapman Inn.

The Christmas trees have arrived at Lowell's Saw Shop on Route 26 across from Telstar. Proceeds from tree sales go to help GreenStock Snowsports Snowmobile Club with trail grooming expenses. The club maintains and grooms a network of more than 70 miles of trails and oversees the maintenance and grooming of an additional 30 miles of trails in Bethel. Each year the club sells about 300 trees. The shop will be open for tree sales

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The Senior College Players have been practicing all month for their two upcoming Christmas plays: "Memories of a Wonderful Life" and "A Child's Christmas in Wales." Audience members will have a chance to join the cast on stage or just join them in song. The plays will be presented on Friday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 8, at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Moses Mason House, 14 Broad Street in Bethel. Admission is free. However, donations will be accepted to help with the royalty fees.

The monthly hymn sing at the Pinhook Meeting House on Route 232 in Woodstock will take place on Friday, Nov. 23, from 7 to 8 p.m., followed by refreshments. The Meeting House Memorial Christmas Tree will be lit during the hymn sing. Everyone is welcome.

If you have news you'd like to share, call me at 824-2483 or e-mail nancybrown1150@yahoo.com.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



Things have been quiet around here and with the early deadline, I haven't been able to get a hold of many folks. Do have some news to share, though.

Jason Coolidge had a successful hunting season by getting an eight-point

buck. Congratulations, Jason.

Bettyann Hastings underwent cataract surgery and is amazed how everything is so nice and bright, and especially to be able to see color again.

Roger Zimmerman told me that their daughter Heather is home for a while now after having spent two years in India. She enjoyed her time there very much.

Alder River Grange on Nov. 10 hosted a turkey supper with nine veterans getting a free supper. There was a good turnout for the supper. The Grange will have a supper in the spring and another turkey supper in the fall. Thanks to all who came.

It is hard to believe that this week is Thanksgiving already. I will spend mine here with my kids and grand-kids. I can't wait to hear and report about all the family gatherings and celebrations. So, please, call me at 824-3220 or e-mail han@megalink.net. You can also stop by and see me at the InnSide Shop. I will make sure to have paper and pen ready, plus you may be surprised to see all the nice, unusual items we have there.

Now on to the answer to the Trivia: In the April 27, 1880 Oxford Democrat Abiel Chandler reported the following. "Everybody is on the qui vive for a railroad from Bethel to Andover. The location now being agitated is - commencing at or near Bethel Station, passing down at the east side of the Androscoggin River through Mid-

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the Intervale, crossing the river at Hemlock Island into the town of Hanover, thence down the river on the west side through Hanover village, then up Ellis River on the west side to Andover Corner, thence up Sawyer's Brook to Lake Umbagog. This is claimed to be the most feasible route, being some two miles nearer than from Bryant Pond to Andover. The distinguishing feature of this route is the ever-varying and attractive intervals along the Androscoggin. The whole route is a region of productive intervale farms, mountains and rivers. As we all know, this never materialized but some land was bought to start. It sounds pretty good though and would love to hear your thoughts on this. I wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving and those traveling, have a safe trip.

Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER



Things have been very quiet within Greenwood government since the election. Selectmen held a public hearing on the renewal of the liquor license for Mt. Abram, and that went well and the permits were renewed. The Planning Board has been working with the Bartletts who hope to reopen Round Pond Store. Between the national election and the holidays, there probably won't be much happening between now and Jan. 1. That is likely a good thing with all the animosi-

ty of presidential election. Time we all lightened up for a while.

Suzanne and Brian Dunham, owners of Dunham Farm, have expanded the availability of their gluten-free products. The Good Food Store in Bethel is selling their frozen pizza crusts and loaf bread as well as some of their baked goods. Pat's Pizza in Bethel is offering gluten-free wraps, and they are the ones the Dunhams make.

The annual Crafts and Wares Fair will be held at the Bethel Inn Conference Center this Friday, Nov. 23, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It seems there is always a new local vendor who shows up each year and has something I need. A good example is the deer-horn door knobs made by Jerr-old Mason in West Paris. I bought one there and then went to his shop to acquire a few more. Of course, that ended up with a long chat about all kinds of things. Check out this craft fair. You never know where it will take you.

The end of the day this Saturday marks the end of deer hunting season. Guess we can put away that high-fashion fluorescent orange garb for another year.

There will be an after-Thanksgiving public supper here in town at the Legion Hall on the Gore Road Saturday, Nov. 24, 5 p.m., beans, chop suey, and the works. Proceeds will go to benefit the Greenwood Fire Department and Legion Auxiliary.

The stillness of winter is creeping in with ice on the pond. The skimming of ice that was forming every night has now become a con-

stant. It remains throughout the day and thickens each night. It is creeping out from the coves and into the main part of Round Pond. It will be quite a while yet before it thickens to safety but the waters are quieting.

Every year I collect winterberries for a greens display on the porch, and it is always a race between myself and the birds as to who gets the easily accessible ones first. This year the birds won. A flock of late-season robins flew in and stripped the berries of the bushes in no time flat. I found others but not right out the front door.

Winterberries, *Ilex verticillata*, are a shrub that grows in wet areas and along our ponds. Our generally acid soil is what they like. Winterberries grow from a few feet tall to 15 feet high and can form dense stands. They shed their leaves in the fall and that makes the bright red berries stand out. I see them; the birds see them, and the race is on. While I like them for my greens display on the porch, if push came to shove, I'd rather the birds had the berries for food. Of course, the mice and squirrels have eaten the berries in my display before winter is half over.

And, speaking of win-

ter, I notice that NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association) has modified its extended outlook for this winter. A few months back, they were predicting a below-average snowfall for New England. Now they have revised it to "an equal chance of below, above, or normal precipitation" for us. As a wise friend of mine translated this, "That means they don't know any better than the rest of us what will happen." Yup. Wait and see. You can send news to 3taichi6@gmail.com

Newry

By SENECA CORRIVEAU



Happy Turkey Day! North Newry has undergone many transformations. The

road lies black and cold under a new layer of pavement, although thin in many places it is an improvement and we who travel its course daily all hope and pray that it will sustain the harsh abuse of snowplows with their scraping blades and January's mountainous frost heaves that rise and threaten to buckle and pitch. Nighttime visibility on the newly painted

OCSD Bethel Patrol Log

Sunday, Nov. 11

At 11:03 p.m. on the Sunday River Road in Riley Township Deputy Matt Noyes summonsed a juvenile for possession of marijuana, paraphernalia, and illegal transport of alcohol by a minor.

Tuesday, Nov. 13

At 1:41 p.m. a report was received of a vehicle speeding north on Route 26 in Woodstock. Cpl. Justin Brown was assigned.

Wednesday, Nov. 14

At 12:21 p.m. a caller reported a yellow truck had cut him off on Bird Hill in Woodstock. Cpl. Justin Brown was assigned.

At 6:37 p.m. Deputy Nathan Bowie responded to Route 26 in Woodstock for a car-deer accident. The deer ran off and the vehicle sustained an estimated \$4,000 in damage.

At 10:33 p.m. Deputy Sullivan Rizzo advised a subject in West Bethel that all weapons must be locked in a gun cabinet or have a safety lock preventing the weapon from being functional if children live in or are visiting the home. The subject was given a gun lock.

At 8:08 a.m. Sgt. Tim Holland was assigned to a gas driveoff on Mayville Road in Bethel.

Thursday, Nov. 15

At 10:21 p.m. a report was received of a possible underage drinking party in the next week on Cushman Road in Woodstock. Sgt. Matt Baker was assigned.

Saturday, Nov. 17

At 12:40 p.m. a report was received that a pickup truck had been picked up on a residential security camera in Woodstock four times in the last month. Sgt. Tim Holland was assigned.

At 7:04 p.m. a report was received of a car-deer accident on Route 2 in Bethel. Deputy Nate Bowie was assigned. The vehicle sustained approximately \$2,500 in damage.

At 9:07 p.m. Deputies Sullivan Rizzo and Matt Noyes responded to Cushman Road in Woodstock for a traffic accident.

This report highlights points of interest from the Oxford County Sheriff's Department Bethel Patrol log. It lists cases reported in the log of adults being arrested or issued a summons in the 10 days prior to the newspaper's publication, but does not include all reports of activity, such as routine speeding tickets and other civil violations. To reach the OCSD, call 911 in emergency situations, 824-3437 in non-emergencies.

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lines sure is a plus. Especially once hunting season hit. When Man goes into the woods, the deer come out. We have seen and enjoyed seeing, so very many deer and other wildlife as of late. The large flock of turkeys loiter in the local fields. They have been spotted in Uncle Bill's field, Grandpa Owen's fields and down the valley as far as what used to be Uncle Paul's house and lawn. They almost seem to flaunt their freedom. By flaut, I meant, that they boldly encroach upon us humans, scratching and pecking, foraging themselves down our driveway and visiting with Vanity - so very close. Closer to humans than at any other time of the year and hello, this is when we all look at a turkey and our mouths water. Are they crazy? No, they flaunt because they can, because they know that they are safe from harm, from bullets and bows and dinner tables. Boy, the Pilgrims and "Indians" would scratch their heads at our hunting rules and regs, wouldn't they?

The flip side, however, is that we ARE thank-

ful that we do get to observe nature in its wildest and truest forms, however, whenever and wherever they may be. I have also found myself and others enjoying the valley without its crown of fall splendor, leaves cast down, bare trees stark against their background. It is enjoyable to be able to observe the lay of the land, to actually SEE the woods through the trees - makes me want to walk all over this beautiful valley of ours. To discover the rocky, tumble downs and crags that were hidden all season long, to discover a wandering stream and dropping waterfall that you'd swear wasn't there before. The valley here has many secrets just waiting to be shared.

However, it is worth noting this: the sun sets much earlier and faster here. The kiddos and I were across the road visiting with Chris and Sarah and their son Nate. They were home for a few days to celebrate Thanksgiving with Aunt Susie. We chose to play over there, rather than at our house because the fields were still basked

in the warmth of the sun. While we were standing there, at 2:30 in the afternoon, we watched the sun retreat behind the mountain line. The shadow that followed chased the sun across the field and rapidly caught up and engulfed its last moments of warmth and light. We were left standing there shivering in awe and disbelief. The kiddos still ran and laughed, chasing and tackled seemingly unaffected. The sun set on our little piece of the valley that afternoon at 2:31.

With winter fast approaching we can think of so very much to be thankful for, can't we? While the true meaning of Thanksgiving may be lost within the hustle and bustle of travel and cooking, cleaning and sleeping like a bear after the feast, let us not lose sight of the 10,000 reasons that we have to be thankful for. Have a blessed week!

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



Saturday, Dec. 1, at 6 p.m. in the school building, are the time and place for the annual Upton Community Christmas Party. My sister, Kathy, claims that she knows what the special gifts contain, but she wouldn't tell me.

The State Line Snowmobile Club is scheduled to meet Saturday, Dec. 1, at 9 a.m. in the Upton House.

The Upton Selectmen will meet Tuesday, Dec. 11, in the town office.

I am not sure how accurate the thermometer is in the field office in Troy, Vt., Tuesday, last week, at about daylight, it read 8 degrees and Wednesday, 5 degrees.

Happy Thanksgiving Day to everyone.

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A SPECIAL GIFT TO CHRISTMAS FOR CHILDREN-Each year the Bethel Rotary Club provides assistance during the holiday season to families who live in the SAD 44 area. The kick off to this season's fundraiser brought a pleasant surprise from Chase Ormiston, a fourth-grader at Crescent Park School, and daughter of Todd and Elizabeth Ormiston. She recently celebrated her 10th birthday, and in place of the usual party gifts, she asked for donations to Christmas for Children. She and the 13 kids who attended her birthday party raised \$202.03. Here Chase presents the donations to Rotarian Kevin Finley. More on Christmas for Children: Most are familiar with Rotarians collecting donations at the Bethel Shop n Save on Saturdays between now and the holidays, which will soon begin. Donations can also be made by mail. Please send to: Bethel Rotary Club, Christmas for Children, P. O. Box 171, Bethel, ME 04217. Families seeking holiday assistance can send a request to the same address. Families must reside in the SAD 44 area, and requests must be made by parents or legal guardians of children up to and including high school age. Please include a telephone number, email address (if available) and mailing address.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



Happy Thanksgiving to all! I hope everyone enjoys their holiday.

My brother, Steve McLain, was at the house last Saturday and while he was there our neighbor, Brandon McLean, stopped by with his grandmother, Linda Taylor. Brandon was collecting food for the food pantry for the Boy Scouts, so we all donated.

Steve and Lise McLain attended the senior dinner at Telstar on Sunday, Nov. 18th. They said the food was delicious as always.

Lise McLain visited with her father, Gerard Du-

pont, at Ledgeview, and celebrated his 87th birthday with cake and ice cream.

She also attended the Senior Club dinner at the Locke Mills Legion Hall on Wednesday, Nov. 14. Her son, Joey McLain, donated to the Senior Club an oil painting that he painted as a fundraiser.

The drawing took place on that day and sold tickets were placed in a large, brown, paper bag where Carol Campbell from West Bethel was given the honors to pick out a ticket. Evan McLain, who is the grandson of Steve and Lise McLain, won the painting that his Uncle Joey painted and donated. Sales from the tickets sold amounted to \$169. The painting will be mailed to Evan McLain

who currently lives in the country of Norway. A special thank you goes out to Joey McLain for his kind contribution to the Senior Club.

Congratulations go out to Lise McLain's nephew, Representative Jarrod Crockett, for winning his third term in the Maine House of Representatives.

Hugh and I went to Gorham, N.H., last Saturday to check out a couple of craft fairs. Mary Tyler was set up at the one at the American Legion. After checking things out there, we went to Ed Fenn School and found some interesting crafts there. Both places had tables with items that included jewelry, knitted items, hand-crafted wooden items, hand-

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made candles, Christmas wreaths, and food. We picked up a couple of gifts and of course, we visited the food table.

Mary Tyler called last Sunday and reported that she had seen a Bald Eagle fly across her back yard. He came from the pines on the hill and flew across the gravel pit, traveling toward Wild River. Maybe he was expecting the fishing to be better in Wild River than the Androscoggin.

Mary also mentioned that she had seen a couple of what appeared to be juvenile Red-Winged Blackbirds. Hugh and I had seen two such similar birds just before she called and thought that was what they were. We have seen the Grackle again over the past few days. Usually by now these birds have left for the winter.

Last Saturday evening Hugh and I went to Tim and Michele's house for an early Thanksgiving Dinner. Michele and her crew, William, Annie, Ajay and Sidney, worked hard all day to produce the delicious dinner. Tim had to work all day but arrived home to help finish up and join everyone for dinner. Also attending were Michele's parents, Leo and Ann Croteau, Berlin, N.H. After dinner, we celebrated William and Annie's birthdays. William turned twelve years old on Nov. 6 and Annie will be ten years old on Nov. 30.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com

Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER



Thanksgiving 2012 is just about a matter of history. We hope everyone has a great meal and for those who use the time for hunting, good luck.

Saturday, Nov. 24 is the day for the Rumford Grange J15 to have their craft fair and food sale. The event begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 2 p.m. Area crafters will have their items available for sale. There will be food items to be purchased. At noon a lunch consisting of a choice of corn chowder, sandwiches, hamburgers and hot dogs may be purchased. The Grange Hall is located along US Route 2 in Rumford Center.

Last week it slipped my mind. We should have re-

ported about Election Day that went on Nov. 6. It was a busy day with 15 people registering to vote for the first time. 78 percent of registered voters turned out to vote.

After many years as ballot clerks for the Republicans Paul Ramsey and Gordon Howe stepped aside because of illness. Laird Bean and John Booth replaced them. As usual, Hebert Adams and Donna Worcester held up the Democratic side. Kelly Harrington was the Election Clerk and Clem Worcester was the Election Warden. Because of the large amount of information to glean from the ballots it took until 9:30 p.m. to complete tabulations. The election staff was treated to a chicken pie made by Donna Worcester for lunch. Later an evening meal was sent in from a local eatery.

We have been having warm fall days and cold nights with temperatures dipping into the teens.

Are you having special guests for the holidays? How about a trip for shopping? Are your hunting excursions fruitful? Let me know! viewpoint@roadrunner.com

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



My streak of bad luck continued last week. Not too serious this time, though. It happened at Friday night pizza. When we walked in to the restaurant, we found three of the guys I spent a week camping and fishing with two summers ago at Ray Cool-ey's camp on Loon Lake, sitting at a corner table with their wives. After a couple minutes of chit-chat and a little needling, Mona and I sat at a nearby table. I ordered a small pizza, while Mona ordered a salad. We sat there about 30 minutes, waiting for our order, when our waitress brought coffee and apologized because they couldn't find my pizza in the kitchen! She said they made another pizza, and were just putting it in the oven, and therefore, my coffee was on the house. A short time later my buddies from the corner table, Gary, Arthur and Dickie finished eating and got up to leave. I laughed and said to them, "I can't believe they lost my pizza!" Dickie said, "I know. I

just ate it!" "What? You ate my pizza?" He said, "Yup. I ordered a sausage and mushroom, and they brought me sausage and pepperoni. So I ate it!" "I can't believe you did that!"

Andover

By JANE RICH



The Town of Andover is taking applications for On-Call Transfer Station help to fill in when the regular attendants are out. If you are interested, applications are available at the Town Office. The Town would like to thank Kayla Morton who has been an On-call attendant for the past couple of years. Mona White, Skip Sylvester and Dale Richards are doing a great job at keeping the Transfer Station orderly and cost-efficient. Please plan on recycling wrapping paper and packaging material this holiday season. Every time YOU recycle, you SAVE taxpayer dollars.

The Town Budget Committee meetings are being held at the Andover Public Library on Monday evenings at 6 p.m. The meetings are open to the public. The group met on Monday evening, Nov. 19. Observing these meetings is a great way to learn about Town spending.

The Andover Withdrawal Committee gatherings in the library at 6 p.m. through the winter. The group is working on the agreement to potentially withdraw from SAD 44 after our 44-year partnership. This will go to a final town vote sometime in the spring. Come to a meeting or check out the website at www.andover4kids.com.

The Town Office is looking for a great black and white photo or picture of Andover? If you have one and would like it to be considered for the annual Town Report cover, please contact the Town Office.

The Andover Food Pantry was a beehive of activity on Thursday and Friday, as many volunteers including the Service Circle packed 32 Thanksgiving baskets and delivered them to those unable to come to the CEB. Thanks to the many helpers who made the work much easier this year. The Christmas Star program for Christmas gifts for our children will get underway shortly. Simply take a yellow star from the wreath which will be in the Little Red Hen, buy the gift and return it to give a child a happier Christmas morning.

Life is a journey of learning. This week I learned through letters to the editor and responses that sometimes people do not understand what you are saying or interpret it as something else. The letters were not criticism of my opponent nor "sour grape" statements because I lost the election. Rather they were written to draw attention to the influence money has in our election process which was limited the number of people willing to be candidates. I learned that there is support out there for my position and that the general public is appalled by the amount of money spent in the recent election. If you want to learn something, I encourage you to go to www.maine.gov/ethics where you can look up a list of statewide candidates and their expenditures. You will surely learn something!

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



Turkey day is upon us. Try and not eat too much. I am trying for Turkey Tuesday, also, but it is questionable if we will make it there. For now I go one day at a time.

Thanks for everyone's concern about my health. I am positive about the future now that I know what is wrong. Ginger tea and other ginger items help me get through the day. Eating frequently helps, too. The carrot ginger soup at the Coop dinner was great! I shall get the recipe from Julia. Soon I may even feel more like cooking. Of course we have to cook a turkey for Thanksgiving, but that doesn't count. It is easy once you have done it once. Not so my first turkey. I knew nothing about what to do and had to call my mom and ask her. I was 19 or 20 and cooked primarily vegetarian, so a turkey was unknown. I got through it and it was good. Now I am working on a cornbread stuffing from scratch to avoid gluten and sweets too. No desserts for me this year. Sugar is off my diet. If I eat enough turkey and fixings, my thinking is I won't need dessert. We shall see. Ask me next time you see me.

Thursday, Nov. 22, there

will be NO ACOA. It is Thanksgiving.

Thursday there will be a Community Thanksgiving at noon at the St. Catherine of Sienna Church on Paris Street in Norway. The dinner is sponsored by St. Catherine of Sienna and Christ Episcopal Churches. Reservations recommended. Call 743-2606.

Friday, the 23rd, is Black Friday. There is a local craft and wares sale at the Bethel Inn Conference Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be local crafts, horse rides, etc. It is sponsored by Oxford Networks. FMI please call 824-1181.

Saturday, Nov. 24, 9 to noon in Norway there will be a wreath sale at the Second Congregational Church on Main Street. Money will benefit the church missions. FMI please call 743-2290.

Sunday, Dec. 2, there will be the Rotary Breakfast at Gould Academy Ordway Dining Hall from 7:30 to 11 a.m. Tickets are on sale from Rotary members and at We've Got the Look, Route 26, Locke's Mills (875-2887). FMI or tickets please call Ellie at 592-9614.

Dec. 8 Fare Share will hold a Fundraising Supper and Silent Auction at the Commons. Stay tuned for more info.

That is all for this week. Have a great holiday and do not eat too much.

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Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Judith Grover, Tent 17 DUVCW met at the Grange Hall on Monday, Nov. 12 for a regular meeting. Correspondence was read from National President regarding 2013 Nat'l Convention fundraising. The monument committee reported Marybeth Hoover designed posters to be placed around town to remind people to submit names for the Honor Roll.

Elsie put them up. Options for placement of names on the Honor Roll were presented. It is hoped to have the names ready by end of year for the engraver.

Vicky delivered the Halloween candy to the South Paris Veterans Home. Another year of financial statements were sent to National. Members voted to keep the same officers for the next year. Eight members attend the Veterans recognition service on Oct 14 at Legion Hall. Five members attended Veterans Day service at Locke's Mills Legion on Nov. 11. Helvi Cary also attended

Veterans Day service at Oxford Hills.

Elsie and Sally will deliver items to Togus on Friday for their gift shop and veterans.

A beautiful poem by Pastor Jones was shared about a veteran. The mystery package went to Bessie House. Next meeting is Dec. 10 with exchange of gifts at Alice Hoyt's.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Prayer Meeting. Tuesday, Nov. 27 will be ladies meeting for coffee cups devotions at 9 a.m.

Looking ahead, there will be a Dec. 1 meeting at 10 a.m. to decorate the church for the Christmas Season. On Tuesday, Dec. 11 this church will be hosting the "Plant and Root Maine" rally. Time: 7 p.m. Fellowship time following the service.

Dec. 16 at 6 p.m. will be the Children's Christmas program.

Happy Thanksgiving. This is a time to think of how blessed we are and the many things we have to be thankful for.

Franklin Grange 124 will meet on Saturday, Dec. 1 at 10 a.m. with a potluck lunch following.

Democrats to meet

The Oxford County Democrats will meet Sunday, Dec. 2, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Crescent Park School, in Bethel. The meeting will include a potluck lunch with those attending asked to bring a dish to share. The agenda will include a de-brief of the 2012 election and planning for regional celebration events in January. For more info contact County Chair Cathy Newell at 875-2116 or visit the Facebook Page, www.facebook.com/OxfordCountyDems.

Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9 a.m.; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI - 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff; Morning worship 10:45 - noon. Wednesday prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, South Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - 251 Walker's Mills Road, Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Senior Pastor and Nicholas Lutz, Youth Pastor. Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School for adults and children, "Sunday Morning Live" for Middle and High School youth; 10 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery care and Children's Church are available); 4:30-6:30 p.m. Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade). Tuesdays: High School Youth Group 5-7 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group 5-7 p.m. FMI: 207-824-2289

Bethel Church of the Nazarene - 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. A.M. Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Bible Study and Prayer, 7 p.m. Third Sunday of each month at 9 a.m., breakfast open to the

7:30 AM Tuesdays at The Bethel Inn on the Common, Bethel www.bethelrotary.org

public at no charge. For info or if you have a prayer request: Gerry Shimamura 824-7289 or Juanita Korhonen 665-2528.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walker's Mills Road (Rt. 26), Fr. Robert Vaillancourt may be reached at the parish office 364-4556. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Announcements 824-2933.

Episcopal House Church - Third Sunday of the month, 4 p.m. FMI: 824-3932.

West Parish Congregational Church - Church Street, Rev. Virginia Rickman, Pastor. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School Sept.-May. Nursery and child care provided. Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast Group. Entrance in rear of church. All events open to everyone. This is an open and affirming congregation. FMI: 824-2689; 824-0550.

United Methodist - Main Street - Pastor Carol Stevens. Sunday worship 9 a.m. Bible Study 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at Sudbury Village, Apt. 15. FMI: 824-0797.

West Bethel Union - Rev. John Williams. Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. FMI: 836-3533 or 836-2882.

Pleasant Valley Bible Pastor Dave Fraher. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. Midweek Bible study and prayer, Wednesday 6 p.m. Awa-na Club Fridays 3:30-5 p.m. (Cubbies ages 3/4;

Sparks Grades K-2; children may take bus from school). Monthly Youth Group meetings and Grades 3- high school. FMI: 836-2828.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Sunday: Bible class, 9 a.m.; Worship Service 10 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m. FMI: 824-3577.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. FMI: 824-8939.

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday Morning Service and Sunday School, 9 - 10 a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

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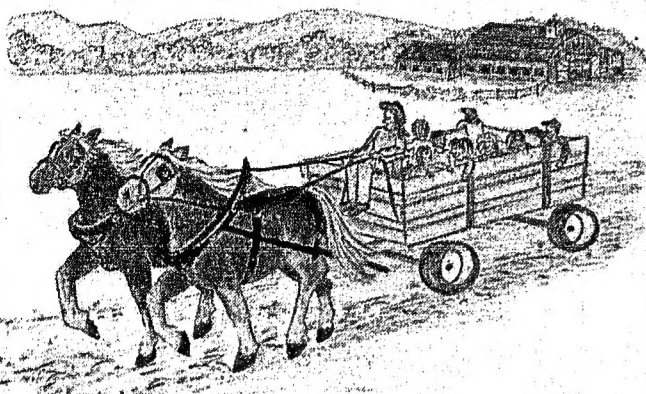
Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Matt Jones, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6 p.m.; Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Greg Carlson (207-527-2551), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. FMI: 824-8669.

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Illustrated By JEWEL L. CLARK

Written By PATRICIA PROBERT GOTT

PATRICIA PROBERT GOTT, a local author who resides in South Paris, has recently released her 13th book "Horse Tails by Horses in Harness. In this children's book, recommended for 11 and under, a young colt named Clyde has just separated from his mum who had told him he'd be a working harness horse some day. He wonders what kind of horse he is and what he will be doing when he grows up so he interviews 13 various breeds of horses of all sizes, shapes, and colors, from Mini's to Standardbreds to Clydesdales, trying to find out. The illustrations were drawn by artist, singer, songwriter, Jewel L. Clark from Bethel. The cover depicts two Hafflinger horses, Buddy and Nick, owned by Lance Bean, Woodstock. Gott began riding at the age of eight and has owned, raised, and trained horses ever since, accounting for her knowledge and experience with horses as detailed in her previous cowgirl series books and her four children's horse stories. She was also a horse wrangler in Wyoming and currently owns two Arabians which she uses for trail riding. Patricia is available for speaking engagements or reading to groups (743-2628 or email pgott@gwi.net). Her books can be purchased from www.prgottbooks.net, locally at Book's 'N Things Norway or Smedburg's Farm Stand in Oxford, or from Amazon.com.

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Backyard reflections

By SARA WRIGHT

Unveiling the Weasel
Why is that in our culture we attribute dubious qualities to animals that are predators?

As a naturalist I have spent a lot of time thinking about this question and have reached the conclusion that unconsciously, at least, humans remain very much identified with animals in the natural world, for good or ill.

Take the weasel. Recently, when someone made a derogatory remark about someone "acting like a weasel," I asked if that person knew anything about weasels in the wild. "Of course not, what have weasels got to do with it?" my friend responded with annoyance.

Later that afternoon I was standing at the window looking down at the brook when a mottled tube-like creature streaked by like lightning, vanishing into one of my brush piles. Instantly I was on high alert, grabbing my binoculars. "What else could move that fast besides a weasel?" I asked myself as I fastened my eyes on the spot into which this amazingly agile creature had disappeared.

Sure enough, within moments, an animal with a diminutive wedge-shaped chestnut colored head, small rounded ears, and two beady eyes peered out at me from the pile of sticks. He appeared to be as curious about me as I was about him.

It had been a number of years since I had seen a weasel in this area, and in the interim I had been overrun by voles and mice.

The return of this most efficient predator might help redress the imbalance created by his absence. As I watched him

he suddenly popped out of his hiding place, creating a sinuous wave - like pattern with his two-toned body as he raced across the dead grass to sink his sharp pointed white teeth into a mouse. With his prey hanging limp from his mouth, I guessed the weasel's lethal bite had killed the rodent instantly. I gazed in awe as the weasel spun around reversing directions in an instant; in seconds he had slipped back into the brush.

Because I knew something of the natural history of the weasel I was delighted to see him, because I needed help with the voles. His mottled appearance indicated that he was in transition and still wearing parts of his mole brown coat. Like the snowshoe hare he would eventually turn pure almost white. In two species the weasel keeps his black tail. Science speculates that one reason for this autumn change might be to help the weasel evade predators. White fur may also help a weasel hunt at the edge of snow covered fields.

This ability to change colors with the seasons had intrigued me ever since a weasel first befriended me.

Two decades ago, a scruffy, two-toned weasel appeared from under the well house just outside the window of the place I was renting. Encouraged by regular sightings, I decided that I would try to feed him as a way to express my appreciation, and also to keep the weasel around so I could learn more about him. (Note: At that time wildlife agencies did not widely publicize the recommendation against feeding wild animals, as they do now. I do not recommend feeding today.)

Whenever I caught a glimpse of my friend I would leave tiny bits of chicken at the well house,

and by late October I was meeting with him on a daily basis.

Although initially shy, soon my weasel began popping his head out whenever I called him and it was in this manner that I was able to witness "Whiskers" transformation from weasel to ermine.

By December his shiny fur coat had turned a creamy white although he retained his black tail. I continued to feed him all winter and by early spring he would take chicken from my hand.

I was eagerly looking forward to the day when he would begin to change back into his summer attire. One March afternoon, out of the blue, a one-eared bobcat appeared sniffing and skulking around the entrance to the snow tunnel that Whiskers used whenever I called him from the well house.

Alarmed, I feared the worst, and three days later he disappeared, never to return.

I had developed love and respect for Whiskers, whose obvious intelligence captivated me. I was also astounded by the weasel's willingness to befriend a species that often hunted weasels for skins.

Must animals that are hunted by people to develop a fear of humans in order to survive, I wondered? From what I have learned many creatures in the wild seem to rely more on cooperation than competition to survive, and some, like my weasel, even appear to be interested in developing relationships.

Because I am a woman with Native American roots who has learned the myths and culture of tribal peoples, I know that the

skins of the weasel are still used to adorn ceremonial dress because they are considered to be "power" animals.

To wear the skins of any animal is to ask the spirit of that animal to become one with the wearer. And from the Native perspective, to take the life of a weasel or any animal without understanding that the animal in question is offering itself as a "gift," is to destroy the reciprocal nature of the relationship between humans and animals.

For Native Americans the weasel embodies great intelligence and cunning, as well as the ability to kill swiftly and mercifully, all positive qualities from my point of view.

Perhaps we should pay more attention to the animals we use to describe human behavior, so that we may see them for who they are.

More about weasels
Weasels belong to the family Mustelidae; some of their closest relatives are mink, fishers, river otters and wolverines.

Their long slim bodies allow them to hunt prey (mice, snakes, frogs, chipmunks) in tight places like in between the cracks of stone walls or foundations, and they can climb trees to raid the nests of birds.

Lining their dens with bits of fur and feathers helps insulate them from the cold when they are resting, but they are active all winter, often tunneling under the snow. Weasels give birth in the early spring after breeding during June and July of the previous summer.

Although the gestation period lasts nine months, the eggs do most of their

developing in the last two months of pregnancy as long as the female is healthy. The mother will care for her young for approximately two months.

If badly frightened, weasels will exude a foul smelling musk. In the wild, weasels will live about five years.

Sara Wright of Woodstock is a naturalist and in the past worked as a wildlife rehabilitator. She has researched and written about animals and plants in the wild for many years. She gives presentations on how to become a naturalist, as well as on Native American Culture and the use of Indigenous medicinal plants. She is currently involved in long term research projects involving a number of different animals.

WMSC Players Christmas gift to community

"Come sing, join us on stage - but only if you like - and celebrate the holidays with us," offers Lynn Arizzi, Director, Senior College Players. Two holiday favorites will be featured as a Christmas gift to the community on Friday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m. and on Saturday, Dec. 8, at 1 p.m. and at 7 p.m. at the Mason House Exhibit Hall, 14 Broad Street, Bethel. This holiday special, an audience-participation event, promises to be fun and enjoyable for both the Players and the audience.

The Mason House will be in full holiday décor for these performances.

"A Child's Christmas I Wales" by Dylan Thomas, one of the featured plays, will be a sparkling rendition of this classic. Performers will read and act, and invite the audience to join them in song.

"Memories of a Wonderful Life," by Jonathan M. Zaley, is a Christmas comedy that puts an audience-friendly twist on a holiday classic.

Arizzi said, "If you recall the movie, 'It's a Wonderful Life,' you'll love this play." Performers will take the audience through the story with all its famous characters including George Bailey, Mr. Gower, Clarence the Angel, Mary, Mr. Potter, Uncle Billy, Zuzu, Bert the cop, Ernie the taxi cab driver, and even God played as Joseph. Arizzi added, "We will need audience help to play all the characters. We will give you the lines so you can join in the fun."

Senior College Players will be performing in three performances and include Barb Dion, Leigh Dickinson, Mary-Ellen Gartner, Peter Gartner, Lorrie Hoeh, Dan Johnson, Laura Johnson, Jim McLean, Tineke Ouwinga, Roberta Taylor and Rosabelle Tiff.

Senior College Players is offered as a course sponsored by Western Mountaintop Senior College.

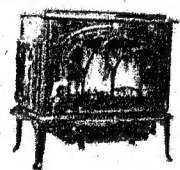
The public is invited to the performances and admission is free.

However, donations will be accepted to offset royalty fees. For more information, contact Lynn Arizzi at 824-0080.

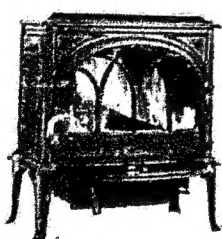
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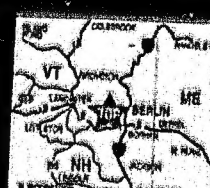
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by Helene Hovanec

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UIBU XBT OPU FBUFO.

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
1. Bird feeder is missing. 2. Plant is missing. 3. Hat is different. 4. Hair is different. 5. Number is missing. 6. Belt is missing.

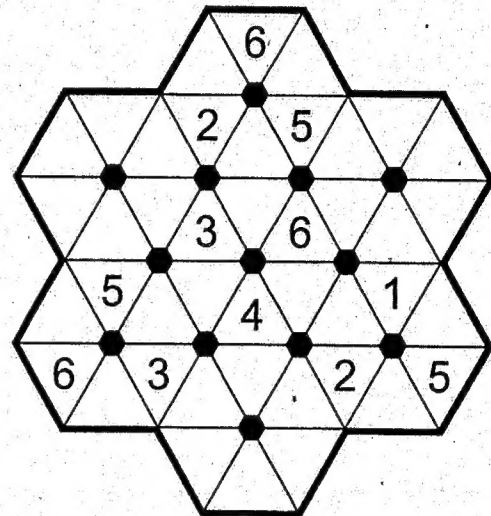
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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them.

No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Fasten

RESCUE

Cheer

ASPIRE

Shock

ZEAMA

Grab

CHACT

TODAY'S WORD

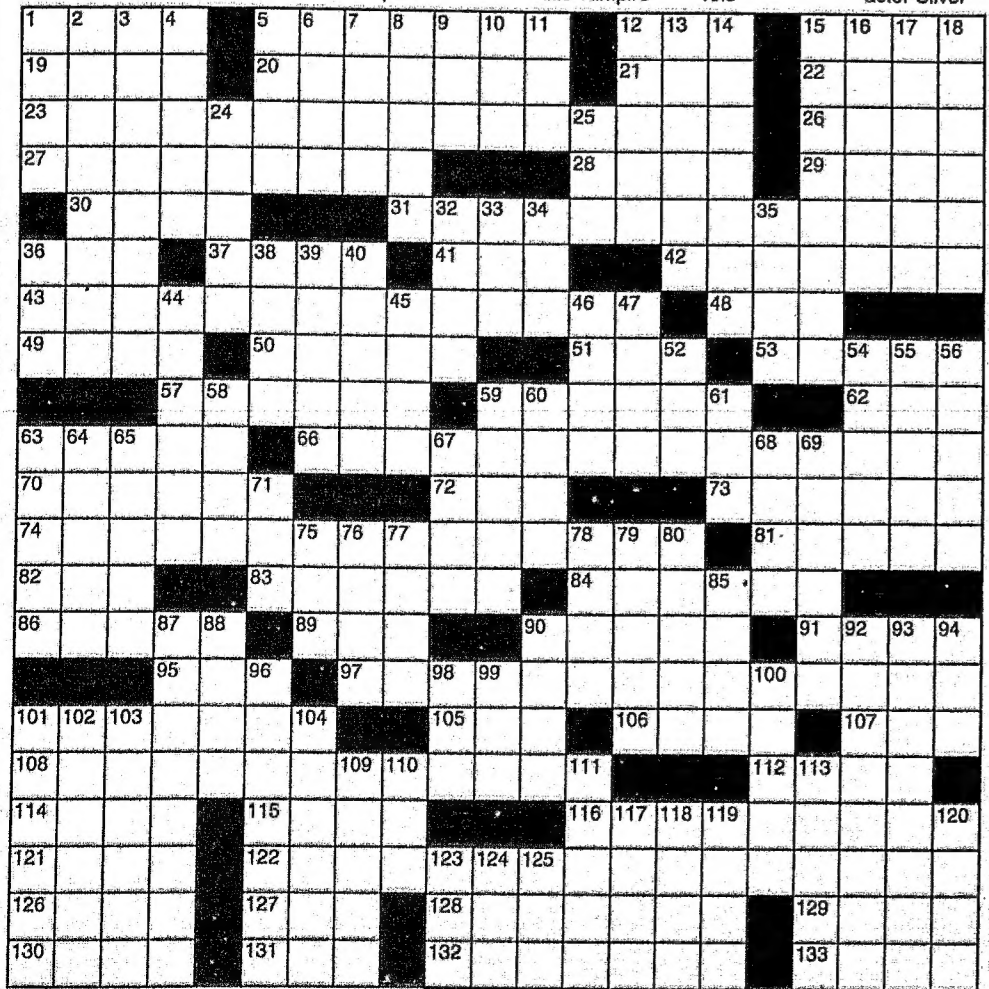


"Working mothers are... You notice how Mom never makes the mistake of using the bulletin board."

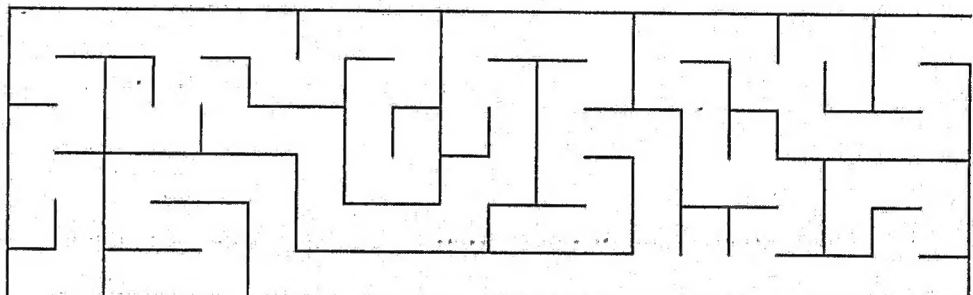
Super Crossword

OHIO-STYLE

- ACROSS
- 1 Lyrical verses
 - 5 Tree with long, beanlike seedpods
 - 12 Fraternity letters
 - 15 Tolkien villains
 - 19 German wife
 - 20 Actor Laurence
 - 21 Pick, with "for"
 - 22 Blood vessel
 - 23 Initial protective action
 - 26 Sicily's erupter
 - 27 Divides up
 - 28 Swerve off course
 - 29 Really smell
 - 30 Trig topic
 - 31 TV show with eligible bachelors
 - 36 Shoe lip
 - 37 Calf meat
 - 41 Suffix with project
 - 42 Western U.S. range
 - 43 Casey Stengel quote, Ohio-style?
 - 48 Hip-hop "Dr." (precisely)
 - 49 "En—" (fencer's cry)
 - 51 Larva of a parasite
 - 53 Track star Jesse
 - 57 "The View" co-host
 - 59 Shepherd
 - 59 Invented, as a phrase
 - 62 Cut (off)
 - 63 Dull photo finish
 - 66 ESP, Ohio-style?
 - 70 On the ship, e.g.
 - 72 Egg cells
 - 73 —fair
 - 74 Beatles hit, Ohio-style?
 - 81 Made a baseline for
 - 82 Pose the question
 - 83 Pick up and haul in
 - 84 Most foul
 - 86 Dolphin kin
 - 89 Pantry invader
 - 90 Sickiness symptom
 - 91 Adaptable, electrically
 - 95 Beer, in Bath
 - 97 Gene Kelly classic, Ohio-style?
 - 101 Snobbish
 - 105 Poetic night
 - 106 God, in Dijon
 - 107 Boggy land
 - 108 Golden agers, Ohio-style?
 - 112 Hair cluster
 - 114 Bygone
 - 115 Jordan native, e.g.
 - 116 Good flavor
 - 121 Twin brother of Jacob
 - 122 Many an Arctic area, Ohio-style?
 - 126 Rip to pieces
 - 127 Bymes or Roush
 - 128 One taken in by another
 - 129 —Love Her
 - 130 Birch or larch
 - 131 See 4-Down
 - 132 Fees for a price
 - 133 Use a scythe
 - 4 With 131-Across, "L.A. Law" actress
 - 5 Pepsi, e.g.
 - 6 Settled down
 - 7 It may fly by
 - 8 Call at sea
 - 9 Eye coverer
 - 10 —wee's "Playhouse"
 - 11 Pooch's bark
 - 12 Cash
 - 13 Unsettles
 - 14 Olympian's no-no
 - 15 Got too thick with weeds
 - 16 Rip anew
 - 17 Film theater
 - 18 —points
 - 24 Eternal City fountain
 - 25 Perón played by Madonna
 - 32 Scout outing
 - 33 —Lilly (Prozac producer)
 - 34 Crime solver: Abbr.
 - 35 Fiery fiddler?
 - 36 Healthful quaff
 - 38 Cutting part
 - 39 Firehouse sound
 - 40 Mr. Moto player Peter
 - 44 Anne Rice title vampire
 - 45 Valhalla god
 - 46 Army division
 - 47 Yearn deeply
 - 52 Rolodex no.
 - 54 John of rock
 - 55 Like a well-pitched game
 - 56 —Gyra (jazz group)
 - 58 Hoagie
 - 59 Long for with envy
 - 60 Using speech
 - 61 —Plaines
 - 63 Big parrot
 - 64 Make ashamed
 - 65 Big name in toy trucks
 - 67 Hanks and Cruise
 - 68 Average golf scores
 - 69 2009 Best Picture nominee
 - 71 Genetic helix
 - 75 Lingerie item
 - 76 Caterers' dispensers
 - 77 Legendary snow humanoid
 - 78 Baker's need
 - 79 Striking org.
 - 80 Kate Nelligan title role
 - 85 Mystery novelist —Stanley Gardner
 - 87 Leeway
 - 88 "Essays of —"
 - 90 Twain's Huck
 - 92 Stimulant in 36-Down
 - 93 Fresca, e.g.
 - 94 "Your \$\$\$\$" channel
 - 96 Broke loose
 - 98 Pince—
 - 99 "Goodness!"
 - 100 Protruding bellybutton
 - 102 Tenant, e.g.
 - 103 Ludicrous
 - 104 Major rant
 - 109 Unpunctual
 - 110 1981 PC
 - 111 Discontinues
 - 113 Poker champ Stu
 - 117 Re
 - 118 Cherry discard
 - 119 Very, in Nice
 - 120 Use scissors
 - 123 River of Bern
 - 124 Pill—approving org.
 - 125 "Silkwood" actor Silver



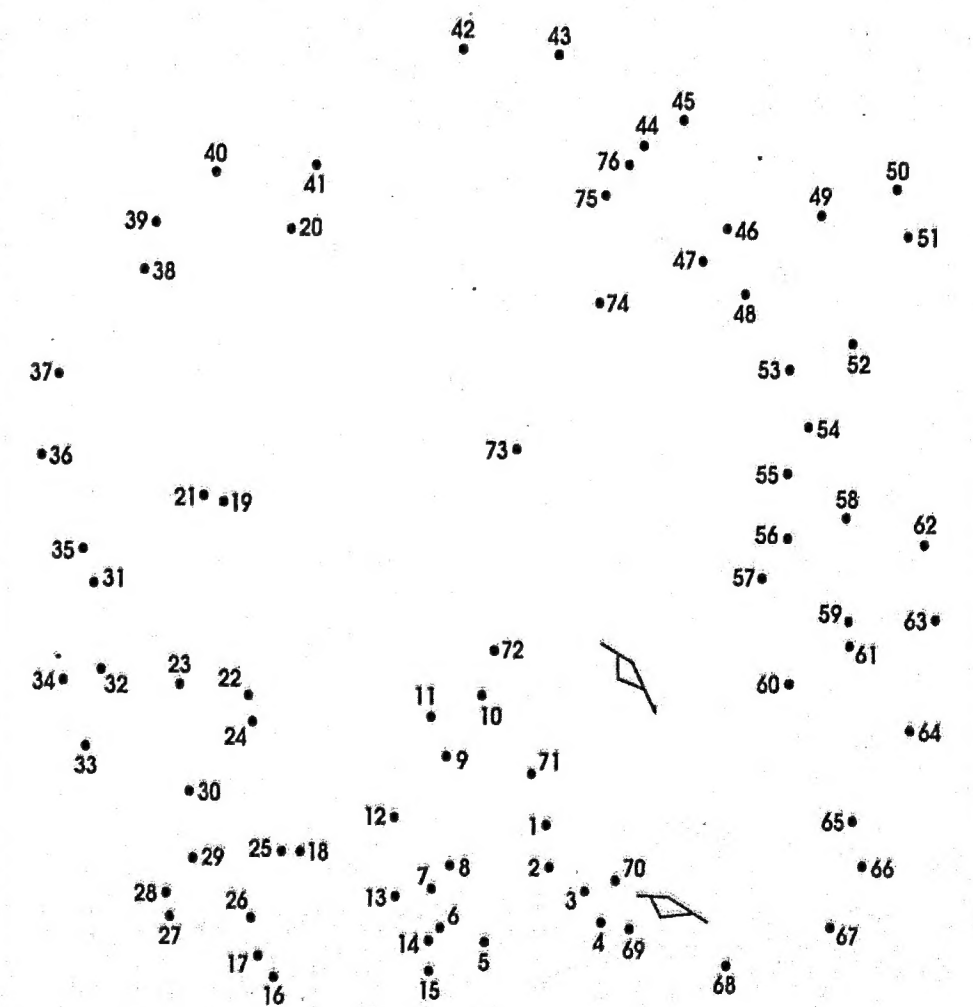
Kids' Maze



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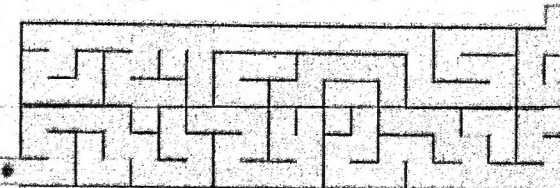
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Connect Dots: 1-76



By David Kalvitis

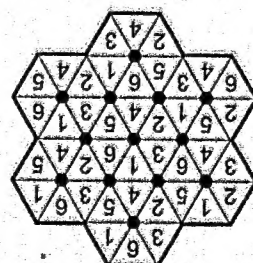
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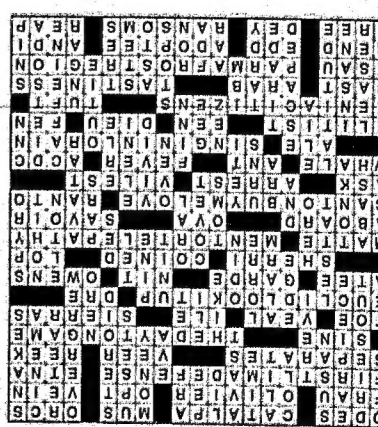
Kids' Maze Solution

The part that was not eaten.
What part of the turkey is the left side?
Answer

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SNOWFLAKES solution



Super Crossword

Today's Word: Smart

Scramblers: 1. Secure 2. Praise 3. Amaze 4. Catch

ANSWERS:

N
O
V

2
1

2
0
1
2



MEMORIES OF A WONDERFUL LIFE
Roberta Taylor and Mary Ellen Gartner invite the audience to sing with them in this holiday classic, one of two holiday plays to be presented by the Senior College Players on Dec. 7 and 8 at the Mason House Exhibit Hall.

Honor roll

TELSTAR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOLS
The following students have been named to the Honor Roll for the first quarter of the 2012-2013 school year.

GRADE 6
High Honors: Lilo Bean, Emily Hanscom, Emalee Harrington, Bethany Laird, Koley True.
Honors: Payton Abbott, Ryan Beckerman, Nicole Berry, Julia Cherkis, Lavinia Clarke, Hannah Evans, Victoria Hamel, Bryce Koskela, Matthew Lavoie, Elizabeth McLeod, Abigail Mink, Morgan Prentice, Kaylee Radcliff, Brooke Richardson, Sadie Richardson, Madison Roberts, Mia Shiffrin, Kaitlee Turnick, Logan Whitney, Sarah-

anne Wright.

GRADE 7
High Honors: Benjamin Alford, Marta Opie, Maddox Ormiston, Blake Rothwell.

Honors: Jarrett Bean, Gaelan Boyle-Wight, Erin Childs, Selena Cintron, Aliah Connolly, Russell Cushman, Caroline Finley, Duncan Forbes, Elizabeth Gibson, Elayna Harrison, Taylor Mason, Matthew Morin, Dylan Richmond, Ana Rossow, Jillian Thielbar.

GRADE 8
High Honors: Matthew Bennett, Kimberly Drew, Kristi Hanscom, Schuyler Leff, Marcus Wentworth.
Honors: Matthew Chiasson, Paige Dutterer, Joshua Eliot, Avry Griffin, Caitlin Haines, Mi-

chael LaForte, Elijah Laird, Deziree Mackillop, Luke Mason, Elizabeth Mitchell, Anna Montagna, James Newkirk, India Orino, Jeremiah Richardson, Sierra Ryerson, Donald Seib, Kellen True, Souix-Ann Tuttle.

GRADE 9
High Honors: Shylyn Buckman.

Honors: Luke Angvine, Austin Bear, Mackenzie Bragg-Albert, Christian Brown, Kaitlyn Brown, Keith Crockett-Harrington, Dharma Damon, Monica Frazer, Rebecca Howard, Octavia Morin, Hayley Peterson, Cameron Rothwell, Cassidy Smith, Amber Souve, Savannah Vermette, Thomas Wright.

GRADE 10
Honors: Christopher Chapple, Liam Gallagher, Crystelle Head, Nicholas Johnson, Aaron Speakman, Rebecca-Lynn Tuttle, Anna Tyrina, Gregory Wheeler, Travis Wheeler.

GRADE 11
Honors: Alyssa Brands, Kathryn Coolidge, Samantha Corriveau, Samantha Mallory, Autumn Morin, Austin Ryerson, Jennifer Wakefield.

GRADE 12
Honors: Kevin Annis, Holden Bean, Carlee Beatson, Felicia Curtis, Cameron Gross, Hannah Huston, Richard James, Yae Reem Lee, Kurt Mason, Nicholas Mills, Ray Anne Morin, Brianna Santos, Rachel Wheeler, Gary Williamson.

Community Calendar

Help Celebrate the Season at Bethel United Methodist Church when tree is decorated for the holidays. Colored lights may be purchased in memory of or honor of loved ones for \$5 each. Send your names and donations to church at PO Box 387 Bethel, Me 04217.

Master Gardener Volunteer training offered by University of Maine Cooperative Extension in 2013. Training will focus on fruit and vegetable production, composting, season extension, botany, soil science and pest management. Locations: Wednesday afternoons at Region 9 Technical School, Mexico and Thursday evenings at the South Paris Extension office. Class sizes limited. For an application, or more information, call (800) 287-1482, 743-6329 or visit <http://umaine.edu/oxford/programs/oxford-county-master-gardener-volunteers/>

Staying on Your Feet, a free one-time course for adults aged 60 and over. Course includes balance screening, blood pressure check, leg-strength measurement, and education on staying fit. Location: Second Thursday of every month, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building, 193 Main Street, Norway.

South Paris Area Veterans, the veterans' advocate will not be at the Maine Veterans' Home, South Paris, Dec. 5. His visits will be Friday, Dec. 7 and Wednesday, Dec. 9, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Wednesday, Nov. 21

1 to 4 p.m. - **Seniors Plus, Area Agency for Aging**, Norway Town Hall, to answer questions or concerns anyone may have. Free. Open to public. FMI/appointment: 1 (800) 427-241.

7 p.m. - **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Worship** at West Parish Congregational Church. FMI: Virginia Rickeman (207) 824-0550.

Nov. 23, 24, 25 and Dec. 1, 2

10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. - **Mt. Washington Cog Railway's Santa Trains**. The train, joined by Santa Claus, departs Marshfield station and climbs halfway up Mt. Washington, to Krolite Kamp. Advance reservations recommended. FMI: visit www.TheCog.com or call (603) 278-5404.

Friday, Nov. 23

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **Local Craft and Wares Fair**, Bethel Inn Resort's Conference Center. 35 local crafters selling knit items, baskets, quilts and quilted items, handmade jewelry, jams, jellies, pickles, holiday decorations, photography, paintings, fiber art, weaving, soaps, creams, lotions, balsam products, wooden items, and much, much more. Free horse-drawn wagon rides 2 to 4 p.m. Sponsored by Oxford Networks. FMI: 824-1181.

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. - **Community Service Day at Alan Day Community Garden**, 26 Whitman Street, Norway. Celebrate the season by supporting a local community garden. Agenda: Closing in the Rowe School's greenhouse, fencing in new garden area, planting cover crops, and more. T-shirts and Community Garden Sponsorship certificates for sale. FMI: Rocky Crockett (743-2423).

7 to 8 p.m. - **Monthly Hymn Sing** at Pinhook Meeting House, Route 232, Woodstock. The Meeting House Memorial Christmas Tree will be lit during the hymn sing. Refreshments to follow. All are welcome.

Saturday, Nov. 24

5 p.m. - **Public Supper** at the Locke's Mills Legion Hall, Gore Road. Proceeds support American Legion and Greenwood Fire Dept. programs. Menu: Baked beans, chop suey, coleslaw, bread, coffee, tea, punch, dessert. Adults \$7/Children under 12, \$3.

Wednesday, Nov. 28

8 to 11 a.m. - **Seniors Plus, Area Agency for Aging**, Rumford Town Office, to answer questions or concerns anyone may have. Free. Open to public. FMI: appointment: 1 (800) 427-1241.

3 p.m. - **Sunset-Moonrise Hike** at Bald Pate Mountain Preserve. Participants will watch the sun set while the moon rises to light the way down the mountain. Wear appropriate warm clothing and boots. Bring a warm beverage, snacks, flashlight and snowshoes (a few pairs will be available upon request). FMI: Jon Evans (jon@lelt.org) or Beth Phelps (674-4352).

Thursday, Nov. 29

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **Christmas Tree Sale** to benefit the Hope Association at the What Not Shop, 85 Lincoln Avenue, Rumford.

7 p.m. - **Jackson Silver Post 68 Christmas Tree Lighting** at the Hall, Locke's Mills.

Friday, Nov. 30

6 p.m. - **Benefit Bingo**, Jackson-Silver Post 68, Locke's Mills. Food sales and raffles. Doors open 4 p.m. Proceeds support Christmas for Families. FMI: Nina (836-3600)

Saturday, Dec. 1

8 to 11 a.m. - **Advent Fair**, Trinity Lutheran Church, 34 Buckfield Road, South Paris. Rada knives, food, Christmas decorations, white elephant table, raffle tickets. Coffee/snacks served.

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **West Paris Fire Auxiliary Christmas Craft Fair**, Agnes Gray School gym. Door prizes and 50/50. Beverages and food available. Vendors and crafters needed. FMI: 674-5890.

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Christmas in the Valley Craft Fair** at Mountain Valley High School, Rumford. Parade, raffles, Chinese auction, cookie walk, items for sale from 56 crafters, and more. FMI call 364-3241 or visit www.rivervalleychamber.com.

9:30 to 11:30 a.m. - **Greens Sale**, West Bethel Union Church. Crafts, cookie walk, and food.

1 to 4 p.m. - **Annual Christmas Tea and Fair**, West Parish Congregational Church. Traditional tea, crafts, cookie walk, and more.

1 to 4 p.m. - **Holiday Open House**, Harvest Gold Gallery, Route 5, Center Lovell. Refreshments. FMI: 925-6592 or visit harvestgoldgallery.com.

3 p.m. - **Nutcracker Performance**, Berlin Junior High Auditorium. Tickets: \$12 adults/\$6 students/children now available at St. Kieran Arts Center, 155 Emery Street, Berlin, N.H. Gill's Florist, Top Furniture, White Mountain Cafe, Gorham; Riff Flower Shop, Lancaster; and Lazerworks Radio Shack, Colebrook. For group tickets and more information: (603) 752-1023 or visit www.stkieranarts.org.

3:30 to 5:30 p.m. - **Christmas at the Mason House** presented by the Bethel Historical Society. Each year, the Society celebrates the holiday season by decorating the first floor period rooms in the 1813 Dr. Moses Mason House as they might have appeared just before the Civil War. Live music. Seasonal refreshments.

6 p.m. - **Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony**, Bethel United Methodist Church.

Sunday, Dec. 2

7:30 to 11 a.m. - **Bethel Rotary Club Breakfast**, Ordway Hall, Gould Academy. Tickets: adults advance \$7 or \$8 at door/ children \$3. All Bethel Rotary Club members have advance tickets for sale. Tickets also at We've Got the Look, Route 26, Locke's Mills (875-2887). FMI: Ellie Andrews (592-9614)

12 to 3 p.m. - **Witt Swamp Trail Opening**. Join the Western Foothills Land Trust on a short walk through the newly-opened Witt Swamp Trail located 1.1 miles north of Main Street, across from Emerson Street, Norway, and help thank all the trail builders who have opened the way. Rain, snow, or shine. FMI call 739-2124 or visit www.wittmaine.org.

1 to 4 p.m. - **Oxford County Democrats meeting** at Crescent Park School. Potluck lunch followed by debrief of the 2012 election, and planning for regional celebration events in Jan. FMI: Cathy Newell (875-2116) or visit <https://www.facebook.com/OxfordCountyDems>

3 to 8 p.m. - **"Sunday Gravy" Fundraiser**, 22 Broad Street at Gideon Hastings House. Proceeds to benefit

Crescent Park School's fifth-grade class trip. Menu: Fresh salads, homemade focaccia bread, pasta w/meatballs, sausage, braciolo of beef, and tiramisu. Space is limited. Reservations required. \$20 per person. FMI/Reservations: 824-3496

Monday, Dec. 3

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - **Socrates Café**, Waterford Library. December topic, "What is Spirituality?" Moderated by Bob Dow. Coffee and light refreshments. FMI call 583-6957 or e-mail wla@waterford.lib.me.us.

Tuesday, Dec. 4

6 p.m. - **Telstar Middle School** organizational meeting to form PTA for middle school, Telstar library. Election of officers. FMI: Margie Finley (890-5245) e-mail, margeryfinley@gmail.com or Elissa Lufkin (415-0551) e-mail, elissa.lufkin@gmail.com.

Thursday, Dec. 6

2 p.m. - **Christmas Craft Program** led by Charlotte Winchester at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Supplies to make tree ornaments will be provided, but attendees are asked to bring a glue gun if possible. The program is open to the public at no charge. Light refreshments will be served.

Friday, Dec. 7 and Saturday, Dec. 8

Senior College Players will present two audience-participation holiday favorites, "A Christmas in Wales" and "Memories of a Wonderful Life" on Friday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 8 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Mason House Exhibit Hall, 14 Broad Street, Bethel. Public invited. Admission free. Donations accepted to offset Royalty fees. FMI contact Director Lynn Arizzi at 824-0080.

Friday, Dec. 7

1 p.m. - **Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony** at the Maine Veterans Home of South Paris, 477 High Street. Following the ceremony, a piece of the battleship, U.S.S. Arizona, will be put on permanent display at the South Paris facility.

Saturday, Dec. 8

8:30 a.m. - **Christmas Fair Day**, Andover. Those wishing tables at the First Congregational Church should contact Marsha Burns (892-1894). Vendors will include the Andover Historical Society.

9 to 11 a.m. - **Breakfast with Santa** at Crescent Park School. Music, crafts, and breakfast free. Pictures w/ Santa: \$5. Proceeds to benefit fifth-grade class trip.

3 to 8 p.m. - **Heritage Holidays** at the Park at Northern Forest Heritage Park, 942 Main Street, Berlin. ATV-drawn hayrides, marshmallow roasting, cookie decorating, pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus, Christmas Treasury Reader's Theatre, and more. Donations of non-perishable food items for local food pantry appreciated. Admission is free. FMI: (603) 752-7202.

1 to 5 p.m. - **Metropolitan Opera Live in HD** "Un Ballo in Maschera" at the Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, 18 Bradley Street, Fryeburg. Tickets: Adults, \$28/Seniors (65+), \$23/Students, \$18. To order, call 935-9293 or visit www.fryeburgacademy.org/pac.

Sunday, Dec. 9

4 p.m. - **Mahoosuc Community Band's annual Holiday Concert**, West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. Come, relax, and enjoy some Christmas music. Refreshments following concert. Donations accepted.

Wednesday, Dec. 12

11 a.m. - **Bethel Senior Citizen Christmas Dinner/Party**, Bethel Inn. Roast pork. Performance by Crescent Park School's chorus, directed by Linda Stowell. Tickets: \$12 members/\$15 non-members.

Friday, Dec. 14

7:30 p.m. - **The musical score for A Charlie Brown Christmas** presented by the Heather Pierson Quartet, Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center. Tickets: Adults, \$10/Seniors (65+) and students, \$5. FMI call 935-9232 or visit www.fryeburgacademy.org/pac.

SUPPORT SERVICES

SAFE VOICES

Safe Voices serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

AA MEETINGS/ADDICTION HELP

Bethel Freedom Group. Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1. Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. Open Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6 pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential)

Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families (ACOA or ACA) meeting at Waterford Library (Route 37 across

from the Commons) Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. All welcome. FMI call 739-9115.

CANCER WELLNESS

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30-3 p.m. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm in stormy weather.

EXCHANGES/PANTRIES

Clothing Exchange, Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4, Thursday 4 to 6, Saturday, 10 to 12 a.m. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours. No exceptions. 824-4090. Clothing may also be dropped off at Northeast Bank on Main Street.

Food Pantry, Nazarene Church, Park Street, Bethel. By appointment only (824-0369).

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and our Rumford Family Center in Rumford for families. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area, call 743-6363 or call 869-9439 for help in the Rumford area M-F 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 864-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

MENTAL ILLNESS

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness; provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Wednesday 3-8 p.m.; Friday 2-7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

VETERANS' SERVICES

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris. Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9-12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (783-5306). (No visits in July)

MULTIPLE SERVICES

Community Concepts provides Oxford County Head Start, childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford, South Paris), affordable home-ownership opportunities, homeless shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherizing. FMI: call (800) 866-5588 or visit www.community-concepts.org.

Senior Citizens meet

The Bethel Senior Citizens Club met Nov. 14 at the Legion Hall in Locke's Mills for their meeting and luncheon with 40 members present. President Caroline Gould conducted the meeting, led the salute to the flag, led in the singing of "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" and offered a prayer. Reports were given by Musa Brown and Arlene Lowell.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Fran Head, who donated her share back to the club. The door prize was won by Arlene Lowell.

"Just the Two of Us" singers from West Paris was our program and was enjoyed by all.

The next meeting will be Dec. 12 at Bethel Inn. Meeting starts at 11 a.m. Reservations must be made by Dec. 1 by calling Caroline Gould at 824-3226 or Arlene Lowell and 824-2877. Price of dinner is \$12 for members and \$15 for non-members. The club will pay \$3 for each member. The menu is roast pork. There will be envelopes for Nina Wheeler's Christmas for Families and Bethel Food Pantry for those who wish to donate.

The Crescent Park Chorus, under the direction of Linda Stowell, will be the program.

Wayne Hakala of the American Legion Post of Greenwood presented Nancy Mercer with several awards for her years of service to the nation and state of Maine. She was given a standing ovation. President Caroline Gould appointed the following to serve on the nominating committee: Becky Keen, Sandra Gunther and Fran Head.

Berta Broomhall from the Bethel Rescue was present to take members' blood pressure.

It was voted to give \$100 to the following: Bethel Rotary Club and Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice. The painting done by Joey McLain and donated to the club as a fundraiser was won by Evan McLain.

November birthdays: Nancy Brown, Ray Cole, Eleanor Brooks, and Grace Douglass.

Holiday offerings at BHS

With the holiday season here, the Bethel Historical Society is once again offering, for a limited time, a 20 percent discount on all regularly priced items in its Museum Shop. Starting on Nov. 23 and continuing through the entire month of December, prices will be slashed on items inspired by the society's museum and research library collections, as well as books, gifts, and special publications associated with past and current exhibits at the society's Regional History Center.

As visitors will discover, many of the books currently in stock relate to the history of area towns, logging and lumbering, architecture, decorative arts, Native Americans, the White Mountains, railroads, the Civil War, art, and crafts. Among the gift offerings are White Mountain note cards; DVDs and CDs; maps; postcards; cross-stitch kits (including a reproduction of an 1841 sampler in the society's collection); children's activity books, old-fashioned folk toys and Roy-Toy log building sets; Sunday River covered bridge mouse pads, note cards, pins and magnets; boxed Maine mineral collections; folk art paintings, prints and silhouettes in the style of Rufus Porter; paintings by local artists; and craft work by local artisans.

The special 20-percent discount applies to in-store sales as well as on-line purchases and is available to both members and non-members. (Regular member discount does not apply during this period only.)

The Museum Shop, located in the Robinson House, 10 Broad Street, is open Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 824-2908 or (800) 824-

2910 or visit the society's website at www.bethelhistorical.org.

On Saturday, Dec. 1, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., the Bethel Historical Society will present "Christmas at the Mason House." Each year, the society celebrates the holiday season by decorating the first floor period rooms in the 1813 Dr. Moses Mason House as they might have appeared just before the Civil War.

This is also the only time of the year when guests can view the mid-nineteenth century room settings by candlelight.

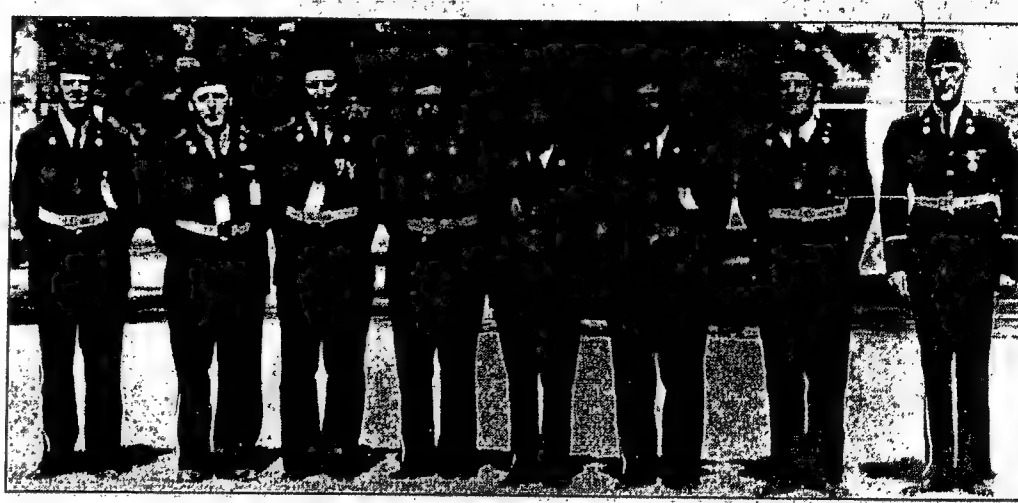
Live music and seasonal refreshments will be featured during the two-hour open house, which is free to the public (donations welcomed).

At 5:30 p.m., BHS volunteers are invited to gather in the Mason House exhibit hall for refreshments and the annual presentation of the Marjorie MacArthur Noll Volunteer Service Award.

Mundt-Allen Post meets

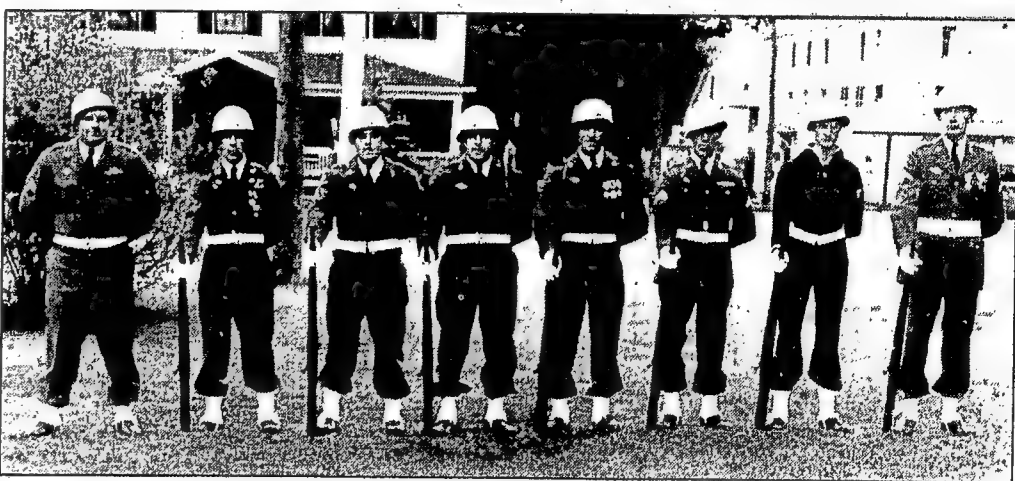
Mundt-Allen Unit 81 A.L.A. met Nov. 12 for a potluck supper followed by a meeting of members. Commander Robert Everett called Auxiliary members into the Legion meeting room for a special announcement. There Commander Everett presented Certificates of Appreciation from the State of Maine to Post 81 Legion members for honorable service during the Korean War. Certificates were presented to Nesta Littlefield on behalf of her late husband Cpl. James R. Littlefield; Fumi Head on behalf of her late husband, Cpl. John B. Head. Cpl. Elmer "Sonny" Bean was unable to attend and will receive his Certificate of Appreciation for his service in Korea at a later date.

The next meeting will be Dec. 11 at the Legion Hall with a Christmas theme. The Post will cater a supper at 6 p.m. with a short meeting and good fellowship to follow. The Auxiliary will be raffling a basket of "Goodies." Legion



WORLD WAR I HONOR GUARD-From left: Henry Bennett, Harold Lurvey, Herbert Bean, Lloyd Luxton, Gene Van Den Kerchaven, Milo McAllister, Leslie Colburn, Philip Daye. (All members of the Mundt-Allen American Legion Post, which provided these photos)

WORLD WAR II HONOR GUARD-From left: Pete Baker, Henry Robertson, Stubby Wheeler, Herb Kittredge, Gus Gallant, Peanut Gallant, Jr. Smith, Gig Smith.



and Auxiliary members are encouraged to attend and join the fun.

At Fall Conference our unit was presented with a check for \$50 for having the highest percentage of membership at that date.

Legion and Auxiliary meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. (potluck supper with meeting to follow.)

Oxford County Domestic Violence Task Force

From OCVTF:

Am I all alone? I am sharing this in the hopes that with my struggles being overcome it will show that there is hope and light at the end of the tunnel for others who have suffered. In all honesty, I am uncertain the best way to begin but I know it should be from the start. While I have reached a point where discussing what happened is easier I feel that rather than going into full detail, I will give a basic idea of the things I have struggled with over the 40-plus years of my life.

When I was young, that was when the abuse first began; it ranged from the physical, verbal and con-

tinued into the sexual. Not only was I victimized in this manner, but I also was abducted and spent a measure of time filled with terror and uncertainty. I was traumatized to a point where even when I was free from those that abused me, I found myself getting involved with more people that would continue the cycle of abuse. Even then I went through more of those abuse forms, it felt hopeless. In some ways, I felt like I would never get out. There were times I feared death would come. The terror was so overwhelming, so much strength to it I was certain death was coming for me.

A year ago my life began to change because I was finally introduced to varying resources that were available. From private counseling to group counseling, there were programs also for survivors that taught me to look within and find my rock. The school my son goes to has several sources also that have been an immense help. My church family has helped me to regain spiritual strength. I also could not have started much of this path I now walk without the priceless support from the men and women of the Mexico Police Department who helped me to begin to feel safe.

But the biggest thing for

me was when I totally surrendered everything I carried to God and told him that I trusted Him and I would let him carry me through. It was at this time that I had my healing truly, and purely begin. And I praise God.

I just want everyone to know there is hope and there are resources out there that can help. If you are in a dangerous situation, there is hope. If you are being threatened, others' lives are being threatened; there are people out there that can help you.

You are not alone. Some of these valued resources are: Safe Voices, Bridge to Succeed, Care and Comfort, Swift River Counseling, The School District, Tri-County Mental Health Services, Local Churches, Police Departments, REACH.

Don't hesitate if you find the need is there to reach out and save your life and the lives of others you love.

I praise God I am a Survivor, you can be too.

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Country Christmas in Bethel Friday, November 23, 2012 to Monday, December 24, 2012

Country Christmas in Bethel is weekends Thanksgiving to Christmas, with a few mid-week activities also. Local Craft & Wares Fair (Nov. 23), Breakfast with Santa, Greens Sale, Christmas Fair & Tea, Jingle Bell Run, arrival of Santa & Christmas tree lighting (Dec. 1), Saturday afternoon wagon rides through historic Bethel village, Santa Sunday at Sunday River (Dec. 2), open houses, shopping specials, holiday concerts, Living Nativity. All create a fun, country-Christmas atmosphere! FMI, call the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce at 824-2282.

Fundraiser for Crescent Park School 5th Grade Class Sunday, December 2, 2012

Join us for a great cause and a great meal Sunday, December 2, 2012 from 3 pm until 8 pm. 22 Broad Street is hosting a fundraiser for the 5th grade class at Crescent Park. For \$20.00 per person: fresh salads, homemade focaccia bread, imported pasta with meatballs, sausage, our house specialty braciolo of beef, and tiramisu can be yours! 100% of food proceeds will go to the 5th grade so they can participate in the class trip to Boston and the Museum of Science. Of course if you wish to pay more than the \$20.00 it will all go to Crescent Park. Students, teachers and parents will be your servers and hosts for the evening. Rally around the school and make your reservations today! Space is limited. Reservations Required. 207-824-3496

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The Rotary Club of Bethel will host its annual Country Breakfast on Sunday, December 2, 2012, 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., at Ordway Hall, Gould Academy, Church Street, Bethel. This annual event is much anticipated and enjoyed by all each year - because it benefits community projects and scholarships, and for the delicious meal prepared and served by Rotarians and friends. Pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, homefries, breads, beverages, and more! Advance tickets are \$7.00 for adults; \$8.00 at the door; and children \$3.00. All Bethel Rotary members have advance tickets for sale. For more information and breakfast tickets, please contact Ellie Andrews, 207-592-9614. Tickets can also be purchased from Holly at "We've Got The Look," Rt. 26, Locke Mills; her phone number is 207-875-2887.



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- 2 10-3/4 oz. cans cream of mushroom soup
- 8-oz. container sour cream
- 1/2 cup milk
- salt and pepper to taste
- 2 cups cooked turkey, cubed
- 8-oz. can sliced mushrooms, drained
- Optional: 1 cup frozen peas, thawed
- 8-oz. pkg. shredded Cheddar cheese

Cook spaghetti according to package directions, adding bouillon and onion to cooking water. Drain and place in a large bowl. Stir together soup, sour cream, milk, salt and pepper in a medium bowl. Fold in turkey, mushrooms and peas, if using. Lightly stir mixture into spaghetti, coating well. Pour into a lightly greased 13"x9" baking pan; top with cheese. Bake, covered, at 350 degrees for 30 to 40 minutes, until hot and bubbly. Makes 6 servings.

Loaded Mashed Potato Casserole

- 5 to 6 potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 1/2 cup milk
- 8-oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened
- 8-oz. container sour cream
- 2 t. dried parsley
- 1 t. garlic salt
- 1/4 t. nutmeg
- 3/4 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 12 slices bacon, crisply cooked and crumbled

Cover potatoes with water in a large saucepan; bring to boil over medium heat. Reduce heat; simmer for 20 to 25 minutes. Drain well. Mash until light and fluffy. In a large bowl, beat together all ingredients except Cheddar cheese and bacon until smooth and creamy. Spoon into a lightly greased 13"x9" baking pan; sprinkle with cheese and bacon. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes, or until heated through. Serves 10 to 12.

Honey-Kissed Acorn Squash

- 2 acorn squash, halved lengthwise and seeded
- 3 T. honey
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 2 T. chopped pecans
- 2 T. sweetened dried cranberries or cherries
- 2 T. crushed pineapple
- Garnish: nutmeg

Place squash halves cut-side up in a microwave-safe dish; microwave on high setting until tender, about 8 to 10 minutes. Combine remaining ingredients except nutmeg; spoon into squash halves. Microwave on high setting for 30 to 45 seconds, until heated through and lightly glazed. Sprinkle with nutmeg. Serves 4.

Green Beans Supreme

- 1 onion, sliced
- 1 T. fresh parsley, snipped
- 3 T. butter, divided
- 2 T. all-purpose flour
- 1/2 t. lemon zest
- 1/2 t. salt
- 1/8 t. pepper
- 1/2 cup milk

- 1 cup sour cream
- 2 9-oz. pkgs. frozen French-style green beans, cooked
- 1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup bread crumbs

Cook onion and parsley in 2 tablespoons butter until onion is tender. Blend in flour, lemon zest, salt and pepper. Stir in milk; heat until thick and bubbly. Add sour cream and beans; heat through. Spoon into an ungreased 2-quart baking dish; sprinkle with cheese. Melt remaining butter and toss with bread crumbs; sprinkle on top of beans. Broil 3 to 4 inches from heat source until golden. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Harvest Apple Cheesecake

- 2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1/3 cup brown sugar, packed
- 1/2 cup butter, melted and divided
- 1 T. cinnamon
- 3 apples, cored, peeled and sliced into 12 rings
- 4 eggs, beaten
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 8-oz. container ricotta cheese
- 8-oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened
- 2 t. vanilla extract
- 8-oz. container whipping cream
- Garnish: cinnamon

Combine cracker crumbs, brown sugar, 1/4 cup butter and cinnamon. Press onto bottom and partway up sides of an ungreased 9" springform pan. In a skillet, sauté apple slices on both sides in remaining butter. Arrange 6 apple slices on prepared crust. In a bowl, beat eggs, sugar, ricotta cheese, cream cheese and vanilla until smooth. Add whipping cream and blend well. Pour cheese mixture into pan. Arrange remaining apple slices on top and press apples slightly under the mixture. Sprinkle top with cinnamon. Bake at 450 degrees for 10 minutes, then reduce heat to 300 degrees and bake for 50 to 55 minutes. Cool and refrigerate overnight. Serves 8 to 12.

Crustless Pumpkin Pie

- 4 eggs, beaten
- 15-oz. can pumpkin
- 12-oz. can evaporated milk
- 1 1/2 c. sugar
- 2 t. pumpkin pie spice
- 1 t. salt
- 18-1/2 oz. pkg. yellow cake mix
- 1 c. chopped pecans or walnuts
- 1 c. butter, melted
- Optional: whipped topping, chopped nuts, cinnamon

Combine eggs, pumpkin, evaporated milk, sugar, spice and salt. Mix well; pour into an ungreased 13"x9" baking pan. Sprinkle dry cake mix and nuts over top. Drizzle with butter; do not stir. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes to one hour, testing for doneness with a toothpick. Serve with whipped topping, sprinkled with nuts and cinnamon. Makes 8 to 10 servings.



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TELSTAR MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

DATE	TEAM	PLACE	TIMES
December 5	Dirigo	Dirigo	3:30 & 4:45
December 12	Carrabec (V only)	Telstar	3:30
December 17	Mountain Valley	Telstar	3:30 & 4:45
January 7	Spruce Mountain	Spruce Mountain	3:30 & 4:45
January 9	St. Dom's (V only)	Telstar	3:30
January 11	Buckfield	Telstar	3:30 & 4:45
January 23	Dirigo	Telstar	3:30 & 4:45
January 28	Carrabec (V only)	Carrabec	4:45
January 30	Spruce Mountain	Telstar	3:30 & 4:45
February 4	Mountain Valley	Mountain Valley	3:30 & 4:45
February 6	St. Dom's (V only)	St. Dom's	3:30
February 11	Buckfield	Buckfield	3:30 & 4:45

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TELSTAR MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

DATE	TEAM	PLACE	TIMES
December 5	Dirigo	Telstar	3:30 & 4:45
December 12	Carrabec (V only)	Telstar	4:45
December 17	Mountain Valley	Mountain Valley	3:30 & 4:45
January 7	Spruce Mountain	Telstar	3:30 & 4:45
January 9	St. Dom's (V only)	Telstar	4:45
January 11	Buckfield	Buckfield	3:30 & 4:45
January 23	Dirigo	Dirigo	3:30 & 4:45
January 28	Carrabec (V only)	Carrabec	3:30
January 30	Spruce Mountain	Spruce Mountain	3:30 & 4:45
February 4	Mountain Valley	Telstar	3:30 & 4:45
February 6	St. Dom's (V only)	St. Dom's	4:45
February 11	Buckfield	Telstar	3:30 & 4:45

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TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

DATE	TEAM	PLACE	TIMES
November 30 (scrimmage)	Sacopee	Sacopee	5:30 & 7:15
December 7	Wiscasset (V only)	Telstar	5:30
December 11	Mt. Abram	Mt. Abram	5:30 & 7:15
December 13	Carrabec	Carrabec	5:30 & 7:15
December 15	Monmouth	Telstar	3:00 & 4:30
December 18	Mountain Valley	Mountain Valley	5:30 & 7:15
December 21	Winthrop (V only)	Winthrop	5:00
January 2	Oak Hill	Telstar	5:30 & 7:15
January 4	Dirigo	Telstar	5:30 & 7:15
January 7	Spruce Mountain	No. Campus (Jay)	5:30 & 7:15
January 11	Boothbay (V only)	Boothbay	7:00
January 14	Mt. Abram	Telstar	5:30 & 7:15
January 16	Mountain Valley	Telstar	5:30 & 7:15
January 18	Hall-Dale	Hall-Dale	5:30 & 7:15
January 25	Lisbon	Telstar	5:30 & 7:15
January 29	Madison	Madison	5:30 & 7:15
January 31	St. Dom's (V only)	Telstar	5:30
February 5	Dirigo	Dirigo	5:30 & 7:15
February 8	Spruce Mountain	Telstar	5:30 & 7:15

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TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

DATE	TEAM	PLACE	TIMES
November 24 (scrimmage)	Oxford Hills	Oxford Hills	5:30 & 7:15
November 27 (scrimmage)	Sacopee	Sacopee	4:30 & 6:00
December 7	Wiscasset (V only)	Telstar	7:00
December 10	Mt. Abram	Mt. Abram	5:30 & 7:15
December 12	Carrabec	Carrabec	5:30 & 7:15
December 14	Monmouth	Telstar	5:30 & 7:15
December 17	Mountain Valley	Mountain Valley	5:30 & 7:15
December 21	Winthrop	Winthrop	3:30 & 6:00
January 3	Oak Hill	Telstar	5:30 & 7:15
January 5	Dirigo	Dirigo	3:00 & 4:30
January 8	Spruce Mountain	Spruce Mtn. (Jay)	5:30 & 7:15
January 11	Boothbay (V only)	Boothbay	5:30
January 15	Mt. Abram	Telstar	5:30 & 7:15
January 17	Mountain Valley	Telstar	5:30 & 7:15
January 19	Hall-Dale	Hall-Dale	5:30 & 7:15
January 24	Lisbon	Telstar	5:30 & 7:15
January 28	Madison	Madison	5:30 & 7:15
January 31	St. Dom's (V only)	Telstar	7:00
February 4	Dirigo	Dirigo	5:30 & 7:15
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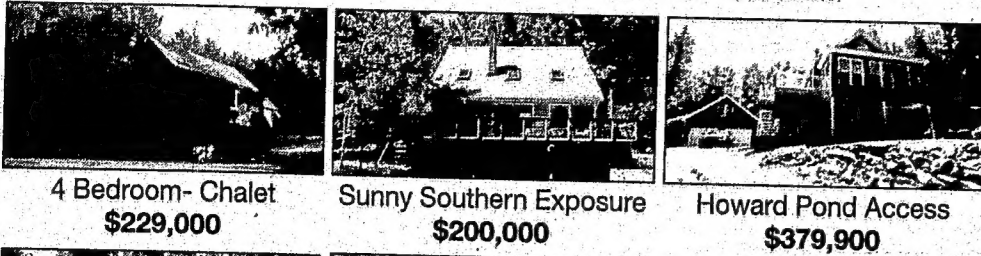
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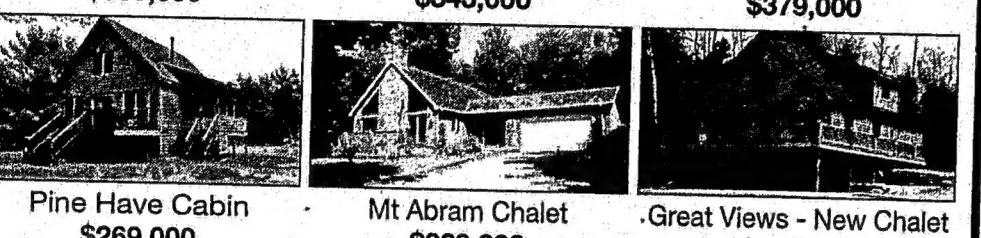
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WHEREAS, the statutory ninety (90) day redemption period has elapsed without redemption by the said Defendants, their successors or assigns;

NOW, THEREFORE, by order of and in execution of said Judgment of Foreclosure and Order of Sale, notice is hereby given that there will be sold at public sale at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 28, 2012, at the office of John S. Jenness, Jr., Esq., at 23 Market Square, South Paris, Maine, all and singular the premises described in said Judgment, to wit:

Certain real estate located in the Town of Newry, County of Oxford and State of Maine, more particularly described as follows:

Unit No. 343/345 Time Share Unit Quarter 1 in Building 1 of Phase I in the Summit at Sunday River, A Condominium, located in the Town of Newry, County of Oxford and State of Maine, a condominium established by Sunday River Skiway Corporation pursuant to the Maine Condominium Act and by Declaration of Condominium dated December 14, 1992, and recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds, Eastern District, in Book 1963, Page 187 (which Declaration, together with the Exhibits and/or appendices thereto, and any amendments, is herein termed "Declaration" and to which reference is hereby made), which said unit is shown on the floor plans of the building identified above recorded simultaneously with said Declaration in said Registry of Deeds. Reference is also made to survey plan, by Dana C. Douglass, Jr., R.S., likewise recorded simultaneously with said Declaration in said Registry.

Being precisely the same premises conveyed to James R. Tarnow by Warranty Deed in Book 2090, Page 337 from the Sunday River Ski Corporation dated January 11, 1994, which is recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds, and entitled and subject to all benefits and restrictions as described therein.

TERMS OF SALE: Pursuant to Title 14 M.R.S.A. §6323, the public sale shall be held not less than thirty (30) days nor more than forty-five (45) days after the first date of publication of this Notice. The Association shall sell the premises to the highest bidder at the public sale and deliver a deed of such sale to the purchaser, which deed shall convey the premises free and clear of all interest of the parties-in-interest joined in the action. The Association or any other party-in-interest may bid at the public sale. All bids are to be supported by 10% deposit, except for banks. All deposits are to be made either in cash or by certified check at the time of bidding. Closing on the sale shall occur within thirty (30) days of the date of the sale. All other terms are to be announced at its place of business in Newry, Maine, or the undersigned attorney for the Association.

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Obituaries



NORMA L. CROSS

Norma Cross died on Saturday, Nov. 10, 2012 at the Ledgeview Nursing Home in West Paris. She was born on July 3, 1928, the daughter of Edgar and Gladys Cross, and lived in the Bethel area for most of her life.

As a young adult, Norma developed a strong attachment to popular dance music and classic movies. Although she had a quiet demeanor, she had a wonderful sense of humor and contagious laugh, and family members recall her particular talent for telling scary stories.

Norma worked for many small businesses around Bethel, including Bethel Shoe, the Mica Shop, Favreau's Furniture, the Bethel Spa Motel, the Bethel Inn and NTL (National Training Labs). While working at the Bethel Inn in 1958, she befriended a southern woman from Alabama named Dora, back when a black person was a rare sight in Bethel, Maine. They remained friends and pen pals for many years, a true indicator of Norma's generous heart and open mind. Norma was also part of the family-based team (the Crosses) that operated Mt. Abram in its early years. In addition, she was in great demand as a babysitter. For many

years, Norma babysat for a number of area families, including Albert and Norma Buck and the Hudsons (Dr. Hudson was the local veterinarian at that time), where she developed a knack for rounding up escaping cattle as well as children.

Norma enjoyed traveling and was thrilled to fly to California in 1968 with family members to visit an uncle. The highlight of the trip was going to a nightclub to see George Gobel, a well-known comedian and actor. Norma loved family get-togethers, especially picnics and camping, where she was known to carry a big stick to scare away the bears. She also loved anything red, chocolate or related to cats.

Norma fought a courageous 16-year battle with Alzheimers, spending her final years at the Ledgeview Nursing Home. She was predeceased by her parents as well as her brothers, Norton Cross, Donald Cross and Stuart Cross of Bethel, her niece, Patsy Cote of West Bethel, and her nephews, Studie Cross and Duane Cross of Bethel. She is survived by her daughter, Diane Cross of Bethel, her sister, Mary Cross Hester of Gilead, and her brother, Alton Cross of Bedford, Mass. She is also survived by her nieces, Dona Taylor of Gilead, Elaine Cross of Bethel and Wendy Cross of Bethel, her nephews, John Cross of Boston, Jack Cross of Bethel, Eric Kendall of Gilead, and Stephen Cross of Bethel, and numerous great-nieces and great-nephews.

Norma did not wish for a memorial service, but instead, she requested that her friends and family enjoy a picnic in her honor.



ANNIE E. HASTINGS

Annie (MacKinnon) Hastings, 91, of Bethel and beloved wife of the late Henry Hastings Jr., passed away Nov. 16, 2012.

She was born in Mexico, daughter of the late Colin and Lillian (Decker) MacKinnon. A graduate of Mexico High School (1938) and Rumford Nursing School (1944), she worked as an RN for Androscoggin Home Health, Dixfield Nursing Home, and Rumford Community Hospital. She was a homemaker for many years and worked in her husband's law firm.

Annie was a volunteer in many organizations over the years, including Bethel Historical Society, West Parish Congregational Church, Sunday School Teacher, Scouts, Sunday River Skiway, and the Masons. She was a member of the Eastern Star, Bethel Historical Society and the West Parish Congregational Church.

In 1968 at the age of 47, she suddenly became widowed. She went back to work, put her children through college, and lived a full, happy, and independent life. Over the years she took into her home

her mother, her husband's aunt and her childhood friend Fred Hayden to care for.

Annie was a people person, and she enjoyed her many friends. She lived at 1 Main Street in Bethel for 64 years and enjoyed talking on her front lawn to passers-by. She loved her home and her simple, lovely flower garden on the front lawn as well as her mother's roses by the garage. She was very proud of her grandchildren Heather and Charlie and was most pleased to know of their upcoming college graduations - both with Master's degrees. Her adopted cat Enoch was a famous Bethel citizen for many years.

Annie is survived by her son, Stephen Hastings and his wife Rebecca of Norway; her grandchildren, Heather Hastings and Charles Hastings of Norway; her daughter, Cynthia Cox and her husband Graham of Perth, Scotland. She was predeceased by her siblings, Donald MacKinnon, Charles MacKinnon, Pearl Hutchinson.

Annie was residing at Norway Rehabilitation and Living Center for the past six months. She was most pleased that many of her friends came by to visit or sent cards and letters. Her 92nd birthday would have been on Thanksgiving this year, so in her memory please enjoy that time and the holidays with your families and friends.

A graveside service at Riverside Cemetery in Bethel will be announced in the spring.

Births



BARBARA M. SWEETSER

Barbara M. Sweetser, 85, of Bethel, died Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2012 at Ledgeview Living Center, West Paris. She was born in Bethel on Dec. 3, 1926, the daughter of Earl and Sarah Alice Laird Morgan. On July 20, 1946 she married Oscar H. Sweetser; they enjoyed 62 years of marriage before his death on April 20 2009. She had been a homemaker and her family was her life. She and her husband operated a restaurant together for many years, and later an antique shop.

She is survived by her two sons, Tom of Bethel and Wendall of Bryant Pond; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and a sister, Marilyn King of South Portland. Online condolences may be shared with her family at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

Graveside services will be held in the spring.

Mark and Catherine Buiniskas of Oxford are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Grace Morgyn Buiniskas, on Oct. 14, 2012, weighing 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

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Grace Morgyn joins her brother, Drake Buiniskas, age 6.

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Lorylai Liberty joins her siblings Jyrrmal and Natalie Yates.

Francis W. Westleigh, Jr. and Wendy Westleigh of Gilead are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Jacob Martin Westleigh, born Nov. 5, 2012 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

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